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A first for Canada:

Haliburton Forest recognized for its environmental practices

by **PETER DOWNS**
Staff Reporter

Haliburton Forest and Wildlife Reserve has become the first business in Canada to gain a prestigious environmental certification, based on its sound forest management practices.

After a team of four forestry experts assessed its operations for a week in December, Haliburton Forest was awarded the certification last week by SmartWood, an independent program of the New York-based conservation organization, Rainforest Alliance.

Not only does the certification underscore Haliburton Forest's long-term commitment to sustainable forestry, but also it gives the operation a competitive edge in the international marketplace.

In England, certified products represent 14 per cent of the forest product marketplace, while Britain's leading retailer has pledged to buy 100 per cent of its forest products from certified sources by the year 2000.

Canadian lumber giant

MacMillan Bloedel was recently in the news when a large lumber wholesaler from the United Kingdom cancelled a contract worth several million dollars with the company because it didn't have the SmartWood certification.

Haliburton forest owner Peter Schleifenbaum said he received a call from a wood buyer Thursday morning who said the certification "will become imperative" for Canadian companies planning to sell to European countries and the U.K.

"He was saying that if your product isn't certified, then the United Kingdom isn't buying it."

"Certification gives consumers the opportunity to be a part of the solution and choose products from companies with a genuine environmental commitment," Jon Jickling, leader of the Haliburton assessment team, said in a news release.

"Haliburton Forest's practises are bringing the forest closer to its original condition, which will

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Name game puzzles school board trustees

by **PETER DOWNS**
Staff Reporter

The area's new school board still can't figure out what to call itself.

More than two months after its official birth, this baby still goes by a number, District School Board # 15.

Trustees were thinking of Central Ontario District School Board. That's the name they had picked as a winner from a contest involving schools across the

system.

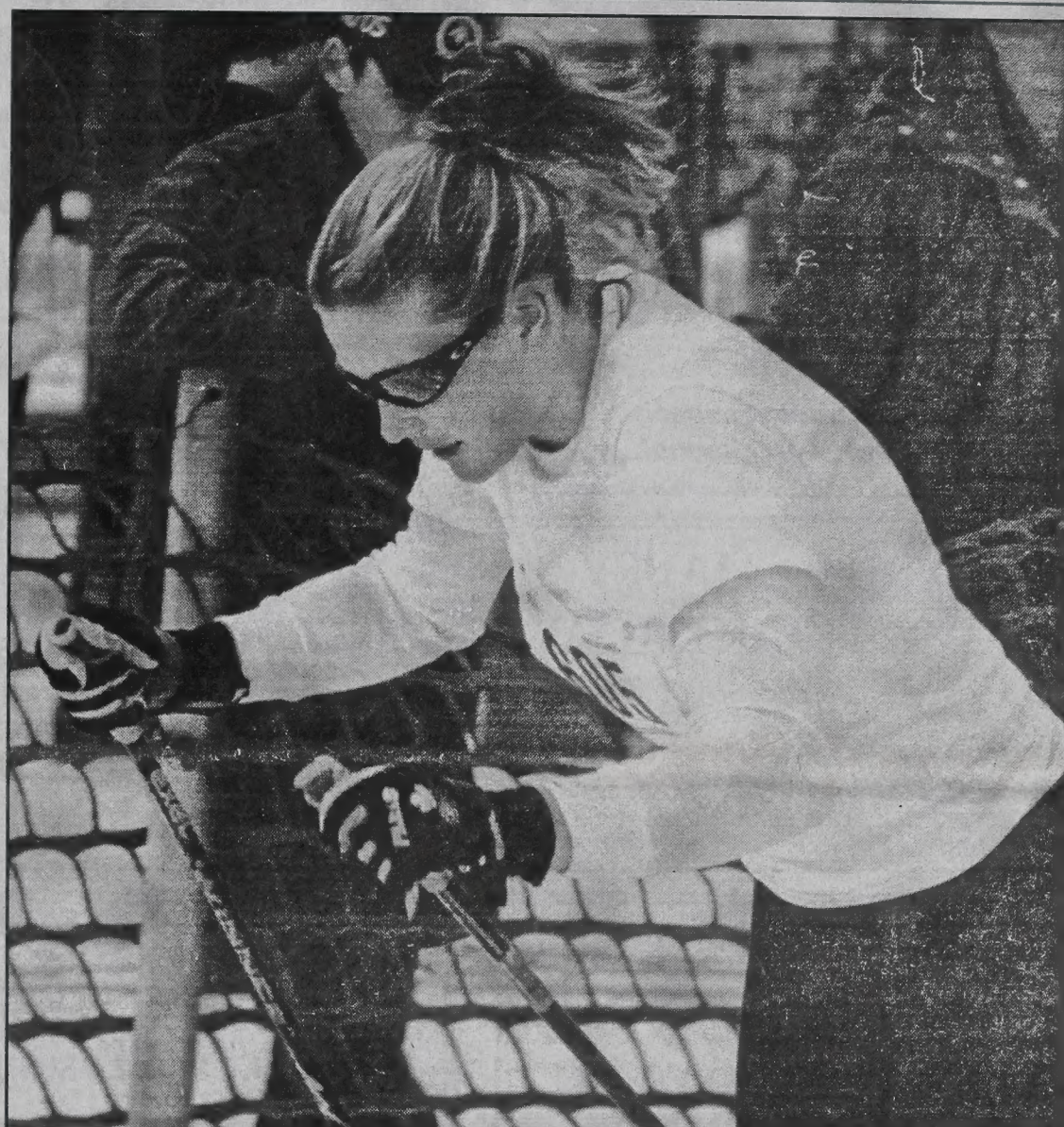
But over the past couple of weeks several of the trustees took a lot of heat from the public over the name and its underwhelming quality.

One of the trustees even said she was booed.

So Tuesday night in a 45-minute name-game marathon, trustees decided they'd do better trying to find something a little more appealing. Something with some personality. Some life. Something. Anything.

They intend to consult the students and staff at schools again. They'll send them a short-list of six names — two new ones and four from the previous contest

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OFF TO THE RACES

Haliburton teenager Ainsley Heyes prepares to start her senior girls race at last week's OFSSA races, which attracted more than 800 of Ontario's top nordic skiers and their families. She had an impressive finish — 18th in a field of 187 competitors. More details pages 10 and 11.

Heart catheter a life saver

by **MARTHA PERKINS**
Editor

Mary Hall had just finished her Christmas dinner when the horrible pain began — a heart attack.

Rushed to Ross Memorial Hospital in Lindsay, she was placed in the intensive care unit. By New Year's Day, she and her doctors thought she was well enough to go home, but it turned out she was back in the hospital the next day. After that, her internist wouldn't let her out until Mrs. Hall could undergo an angiogram to find out exactly what was the matter.

"It won't take months, will it?" asked Mrs. Hall, whose husband Gerry had waited several months to have his angiogram to determine whether heart by-pass surgery was necessary. Oh no, the doctor said, the longest wait

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she'd had known was three to four weeks.

On January 27th, five weeks after the heart attack and five weeks of waiting in a hospital bed later, Mrs. Hall finally had her angiogram and immediately following that, the angioplasty which crunched down the cholesterol build-up that was blocking the blood's path to her heart.

"Toronto was filled, there were no beds, and because of the ice storm, the Kingston hospital was accepting any new patients," she says of why she had to wait so

long to be admitted to one of the two closest centres where the common procedure is performed. The doctor didn't want to send her home during the wait because then Mrs. Hall would be at the bottom of the list and it could indeed take months to even get an appointment.

Those five weeks were stressful enough. "There was no use getting myself and everyone else upset so I tried to keep calm, but it was discouraging," says Mrs. Hall, whose daughter, Kathy Hutson, works at *The Echo* office. "It's the unknown that worries you."

Paul Wilson was recently in Quebec City watching his son Jeff play in an international hockey tournament when his oldest daughter, who is studying nursing, convinced him that his

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Canada Post official: "Having achieved significant improvements in delivery standards in urban centres, it is clear that we must also attempt to achieve similar improvements elsewhere across

spring with a taste of summer at the fifth annual Cottage Life Show. It combines useful and practical information with lots of fun to meet the diverse needs of cottagers and cottagers-in-waiting.

Showcase, the Cottage Bookstore and the Classic Canoe Showcase. It all happens at the International Centre on Airport Road in Toronto, March 27 from noon to 10 p.m., March 28 from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. and March 29 from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m..

HERE, THERE & EVERYWHERE

News about people and events in Haliburton County

Canada, where the postal system plays a critical social and economic role." Delivery standards for properly prepared letter-mail within local areas will be two business days within a community and three business days between communities within a local area. Since we've known the Haliburton Post Office to receive, sort and put a letter in a mail box in less than 15 minutes one Saturday morning, these targets seem extremely realistic.

From March 27 to 29, people can welcome

Everything from building supplies and security systems, to canoes, kayaks and water skis can be found amid the more than 400 cottage-related products and service booths. The 3,000 listings at the Cottage Real Estate Centre will make it easy for cottage shoppers to find their dream retreat (in the Haliburton Highlands, of course.) There's also the Cottage Wildlife Centre, the Anti-que Boat and Outboard Motor Museum, Family Activity Centre, the Cottage Pet Centre, the Cottage Kitchen, the Cottage Life Project

One of the good things about winter is the absence of mosquitoes. But just as we look forward to spring, we must also be prepared for the season's biting companion. The press release about the Cottage Life Show provides these fascinating statistics: there are 2,023 mosquitoes per acre in southern Ontario cottage country and you should be glad you're not living in the Arctic where the number increases to 32,000 to 64,000. During a full moon, the increase in biting activity is 500% and it would take 3.6-billion mosquitoes to pull an 18-wheel truck.

Asian crisis causes Wilberforce veneer mill to have temporary layoffs

The Asian banking crisis has had a temporarily depressing effect on the hard maple veneer market. Since American banks have suspended lines of credit drawn on some Asian banks, Asian manufacturers have had to suspend orders for hard maple plywood items such as piano pin planks and for veneer for piano action parts and flooring.

This sudden cancellation of orders

has led some large veneer suppliers to seek and take orders in the domestic market at prices below market or, in some cases, below cost. This temporary condition of over-capacity in the hard maple market has caused Ontario Hardwood Veneers of Wilberforce to take the step of temporary lay-offs of some production personnel. The plant will operate at reduced levels

because of reduced order backlogs.

Since the domestic economy at large is good and these Asian companies are themselves sound, these banking problems should be of a temporary nature. The markets for hard maple veneer should return to normal in a fairly short time. The management expects the plant should be back running at full capacity within a few weeks.

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New job, new hope for hospitals

■ **Diane Springstein's job as health service foundation's new manager brings her to "the place of my heart"**

by **MARTHA PERKINS**
Editor

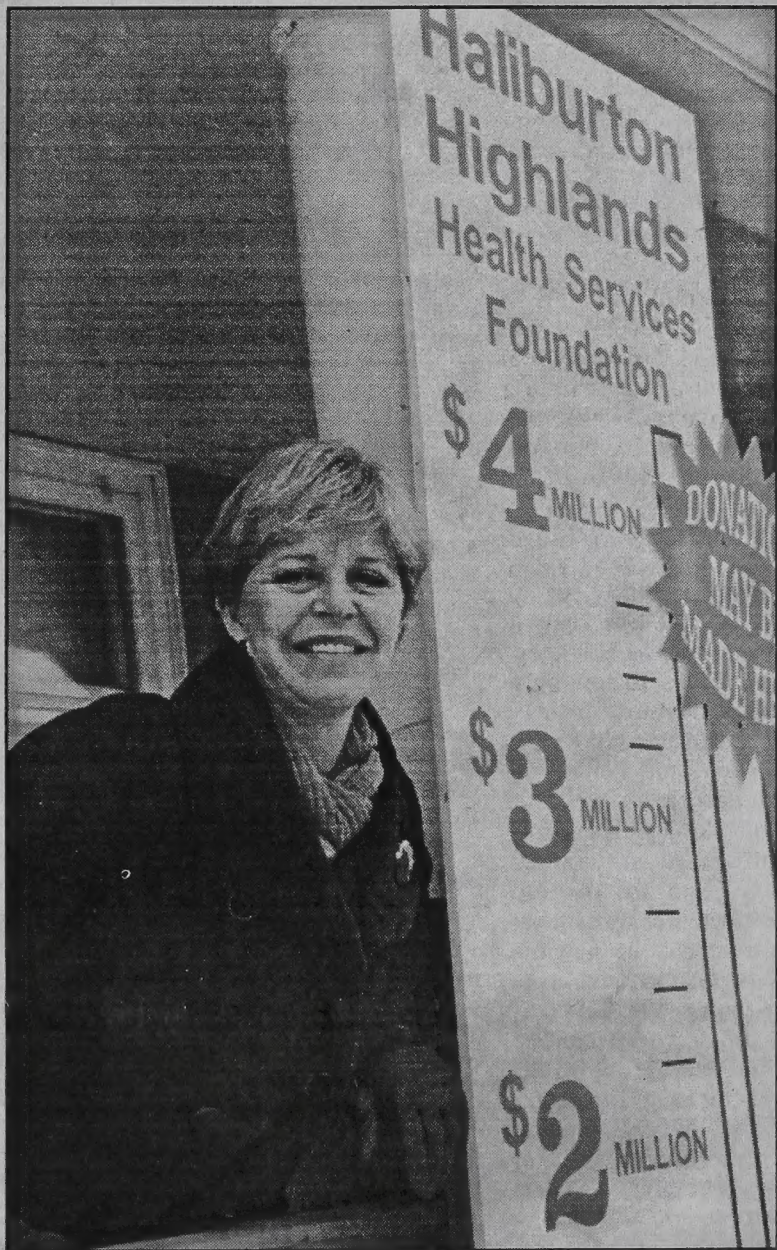
Eighteen years ago, Diane Springstein was in need of a little break from the stresses of life, so a friend offered her the use of a cottage on Haliburton Lake.

Springstein hummed and hawed, but finally agreed that cottage life was an attractive alternative to all that was complicating her life in Newmarket. She and her young daughter followed the directions north and as the roads got narrower, Springstein's horizons gradually grew broader as she absorbed the unencumbered beauty of the area.

Getting out of the car, soaking up all the peace and tranquillity like a flower that's just gone through a drought, she turned to her daughter and said "this is the place of my heart. Some day we're going to live here."

Twelve years later, Springstein and her husband, Dominique Girard, were paddling in the bay next to the cottage they had just purchased in the Highlands. "We're going around South Bay and I said 'Oh my, this is where my friends had their cottage.'"

Six years later, Girard was up at the cottage on his own to make sure they'd have enough wood piled for their winter visits. While here, he picked up a copy of *The Haliburton County Echo* and brought it home to his wife. When she was reading it, she noticed an advertisement for the job of the Haliburton



READY TO RAISE MONEY: Haliburton Lake's Diane Springstein brings to her new job years of experience raising funds for various projects in Newmarket.

Highlands Health Services Foundation's first manager.

Three months later, as February drew to a close, Springstein's smile was as warm as the spring sunshine as she began her first day on the job.

A perfect ending to a story that started 18 years ago? Not quite. To Springstein it's a perfect beginning.

"It's an intuitive thing," the Ottawa Valley native says of falling in love at first sight with

the Highlands. "I was at home here. It's peaceful and beautiful. Everything's right."

So why did it take 18 years to make the move?

Life kept getting in the way. Just after she returned to Newmarket from her cottage get-away, she opened her own clothing business and its growing popularity was in part due to her total commitment to its success. She raised her daughter, married again (to Girard) and

then decided that if you're going to be part of community, and thrive because of its support, then you have to find some way to give back to it.

This she did in several ways. Three years ago, she won a seat on Newmarket council and began working on one of the goals that had got her elected — a youth centre. Before opening her business, she had been a therapist with adolescents and knew that one of the best ways to keep them out of trouble was to keep them busy. Youths needed a place where activities would draw them in off the street, but as a politician, Springstein needed to keep a tight rein on spending. Finally, after involving several community partners and at a cost of only \$80,000 to the city, a facility worth more than half a million dollars opened its doors to young people.

As chairperson of the city's budget and finance committee, she helped draft a \$42-million budget and steer it through the many detours along the way of being accepted by council.

For the past year she's been president of the Newmarket Chamber of Commerce, helping to revitalize the downtown core while also fostering growth through the expanding city. The Chamber was recently successful in its bid to take over the former CN train station to use as an information office.

If that weren't enough, as chairperson of a \$1-million fundraising campaign for a new theatre, she's happy to see the fund reach its target.

"I'm a doer — results oriented and a goal setter," she says.

Today, the goal that fills her with tremendous excitement is overseeing the Foundation's efforts to raise the millions of dollars that are needed for the two local healthcare initiatives at Haliburton Hospital and Hyland Crest. Working with Foster Loucks, the HHHS's executive director, and Dale

Walker, president of the HHHS Foundation's board, is part of that excitement because of their dynamic, "global" approach to fulfilling the healthcare needs of Haliburton County.

So new into the job, she wants to wait a few weeks before announcing what some of those projects will be, but she's already heart-warmed by the county's ongoing efforts to raise its portion of the capital costs. Whether it's making a quilt to be raffled or including the Foundation in a life insurance policy, people have demonstrated an overwhelming commitment to the projects.

It's a commitment which she sees having both long- and short-term benefits. In the short term, this county will have two facilities it so desperately needs. In the long term, new people, especially retirees, will need to know the facilities are there when they make their decision to move to the Highlands.

"(The facilities) are two of the greatest economic development tools we have," she says. "If your hospital facilities won't look after people, they won't come."

And as property tax increases in the Greater Toronto Area push tempt people to move long before they're ready to retire, she wants them to ask themselves "Why move to Sutton when I can move to Haliburton?"

Moving here has already been one of her valued accomplishments. She and Girard are going to build a permanent home on Haliburton Lake this summer, and after that, it will be very difficult to make that reverse week-end pilgrimage — going to Newmarket to visit friends and family.

She still has to remind herself that her dream has come true and Haliburton is now home, not just a place to visit.

"Life is a process," she says. "You go through it step by step and you end up where you should be."

Projects still on "holding pattern" awaiting restructuring commission report

by **PETER DOWNS**
Staff Reporter

The following are brief reports of items discussed at Thursday's meeting of the Haliburton Highlands Health Services board.

Upgrade plans for the county's healthcare facilities remain on a virtual "holding pattern" as the board waits for the Health Services Restructuring Commission to complete its review.

The commission is looking at healthcare operations in this health district, which includes Haliburton County, Peterbor-

ough with its two hospitals, as well as Cobourg and Port Hope.

Board chairman Hugh Nichol noted the board needs the commission to endorse the "size and scope" of the expansion work slated for Haliburton Hospital and Hyland Crest.

The board's architect is nearly halfway through working drawings for the upgrade and should have them completed by the end of the month.

Nichol said the architect feels the board will be in the position to tender the project in April with construction to begin in July.

However, before any of that can happen, the restructuring

commission has to endorse the plans, said Nichol.

"All we can do now is provide the commission with as much information as possible and wait for them to make their decision," he said. "... I really sincerely hope by the next meeting they've come out and made their decision or at least by the end of March."

After so many years of wrangling, it's discouraging to board members and others to see the plans being held up, Nichol noted.

"To a lot of people it seems like another hurdle. It's almost like a cruel joke."

However, he said board mem-

bers could content themselves knowing they've done everything they can to make the project a success.

Governance

When the board does receive the commission's review, Nichol said he's hoping it doesn't make a similar ruling to one it just made in a neighbouring health district.

The commission has called for a single governing body to oversee all health services in the district including Bancroft, Belleville, Trenton and Prince Edward County.

A similar recommendation for

this area would mean a new health services board would administer all hospitals and healthcare facilities in Haliburton County, Peterborough County, Lindsay, Cobourg and Port Hope.

"That is a possibility," said Nichol. "If we had a single governance, we wouldn't have the health board here. We'd have people telling us what to do on the capital projects."

Foster Loucks, executive director of the of HHHS, noted healthcare officials in the neighbouring health district were already moving toward a single layer of governance.

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Waiting list long for angiograms

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chest pains should be taken seriously. The Haliburton surveyor walked across the street from his hotel and into the Hôtel Dieu hospital.

That was on Tuesday morning. On Thursday morning at nine o'clock, the doctor decided Wilson was a perfect candidate for an angiogram. The procedure was performed two hours later. Luckily — that seems an odd word to use but it's true — Wilson had another attack during the test and doctors were able to determine that arterial spasms were causing the blockage. They put Wilson on nitroglycerin and discharged him the next day.

When Linda Whetung's father first had his heart problems, he was admitted to the ICU at Peterborough Civic Hospital. After the doctors thought he was stabilized, they sent him home to wait his turn for an angiogram. It was when he was at home that his trouble started all over again.

As co-chairman of the Community Health Services Foundation, which is raising \$1.9-million for a heart catheter (angiogram) machine for this region, Mrs. Whetung had heard too many horror stories to simply allow her father to wait patiently for an angiogram appointment. She knew it could take months, and she also knew that the three months following a heart attack were the most critical. Her committee's statistics say people are dying at a rate of one per month while they wait for help.

So instead of taking him back to Civic, she gently eased him into her car and drove him to Toronto Hospital, which has a heart catheter on site. The next day he had his angiogram. The day after that he underwent by-pass surgery. Meanwhile, the six people with whom he had shared the Peterborough ICU were still waiting for an appointment.

"As a member of this community, I couldn't watch this happen to other people," Mrs. Whetung, who's a lawyer in Peterborough, told county council on Wednesday. "If people in rural areas think they get the same care as people in cities, they're wrong. We don't enjoy equitable access to cardiac catheters."

The Community Health Services Foundation doesn't want it to be a matter of luck — being in the right place, such as across the street from

the Hôtel Dieu in Quebec City — which determines when a local resident gets an angiogram. It's raising money to buy the necessary equipment for a site within this region, likely in Peterborough. But it's not stopping there. As the committee began raising money for the catheter, it also learned that other services were desperately needed. And so it expanded its focus, raising money for the heart catheter now but also planning to continue its efforts to make sure people in the region get the healthcare services they need as close to home as possible.

In her spirited presentation to county council, Mrs. Whetung said the committee is not going to usurp the role of or the contributions to individual hospital foundations.

"Our focus is only on major medical equipment, not what one hospital needs. We don't care where in the region (the equipment goes), as long as it's in this region," she said.

To help ensure that Haliburton County's needs are met, she and her co-chair, David Smith, are asking for three representatives from the Highlands to sit on the foundation's board. There will be equal representation from all five counties.

The fund has already reached half its target. Haliburton County's goal of 6% of the total, or \$114,000, is at the one-third mark.

She outlined a typical scenario about what happens in this region because there isn't a heart catheter.

"If you have unstable angina, your doctor might decide you need more tests done and send you to Peterborough Civic. Civic doesn't have a bed. On any particular day, nine people on average in ICU are waiting to go elsewhere. The only places with heart catheters are Toronto, Kingston, Toronto, Sudbury and Ottawa.

"In the meantime, if you're in the hospital they're afraid to let you out because of what they call 'mortality unpredictability.' (They don't know if you're going to die.) They keep you in the hospital but they can't help you. Patients from our region typically wait for four to six weeks for an angiogram."

That wait is a costly one.

An overnight stay in hospital generally costs \$450 for a ward bed, and

\$1,400 for a bed in ICU. In a "snapshot" of the 12 patients waiting in Civic's ICU for an angiogram, the cost from the day they were admitted to the day of the snapshot was \$171,000. It would then cost \$24,000 to transport these patients to the hospital performing the angiogram. (On February 3, one of those 12 patients was transported by ambulance to Toronto but was turned back because of overcrowding.) Civic Hospital estimates that at least \$525,000 was spent on "babysitting" patients last year.

Yet the angiogram itself costs only \$650.

Paying for the machine is only part of the battle facing the new foundation. The Ministry of Health has yet to agree to fund the ongoing operating costs — some foundations in other areas also pick up those costs but Mrs. Whetung says this region couldn't afford to — and although the foundation has met the 28 recommendations required before approval is granted, the cardiac committee which makes the decision hasn't seemed very sympathetic.

Asked about this, Mrs. Whetung says the system of choosing who gets a heart catheter is very "political" since the people making the decisions are doctors at teaching hospitals who may not like seeing limited healthcare dollars go elsewhere. "This is about money." She added, however, that MPP Chris Hodgson has been very supportive.

"It's a political football that's being knocked around and it's time that game was stopped," said a visibly angry Doug Holman, reeve of Cardiff.

Sherborne et al Reeve Don Shortreed asked what guarantee the people from Haliburton would have that they wouldn't be bumped to the bottom of the list by people in the larger centres such as Peterborough if the catheter was approved. Since the foundation is paying for it, Mrs. Whetung responded, there would be policies in place to ensure there was equal access to the service.

County council will send a letter of endorsement to the Minister of Health, lobbying to have a heart catheter approved for this region.

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SOMETHING TO SING ABOUT: Max Creelman, Kylie Clark, Siobhan Creelman and other members of the Haliburton County Children's Choir rehearse for their performance on Friday afternoon at Haliburton United Church as part of the 1998 Music Festival. More than 260 people are expected to take part in the second annual celebration of the county's musical talents. Most events take place at the Haliburton Legion and there's a festival highlights concert Sunday evening at 7:30.

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improve timber quality and biodiversity."

SmartWood says it endorsed Haliburton Forest's long-term management practices, which adhere to the rigorous standards of the international Forest Stewardship Council.

"(Haliburton Forest's) environmentally sound management protects the many streams and lakes on the land, preserves areas of biological significance, leaves all white pine trees intact and limits harvesting around the nests of birds of prey. While carefully managing the timber resource, (Haliburton Forest) has encouraged the use of the land for recreational and educa-

tional activities and community events and workshops."

Schleifenbaum noted the assessment team gave the Forest recommendations on how to improve some areas of its operations even further.

SmartWood will conduct an annual audit to ensure Haliburton Forest is continuing the management practices required to maintain its certification.

Schleifenbaum said it was "very valuable" to have independent review conducted on Haliburton Forest's operations.

"We figured what we were doing was the right thing, but to have it confirmed by an outside agency was quite (important)."

Hundreds of property owners line up for answers about their assessment

by PETER DOWNS
Staff Reporter

They were polite and they were calm, but hundreds of county residents wanted answers about Actual Value Assessment at a series of information sessions last week.

In Haliburton on Thursday at least a couple dozen property owners were in line upstairs at the community centre waiting to see assessment officers a full hour before the session's 1 p.m. start time.

"We had a mad rush from the beginning. People were here from a about noon on," said Dale Lingard, a valuation manager from the Ministry of Finance's Peterborough office. "At some points we had about 30 people in the waiting area waiting to talk to staff."

In Minden and Wilberforce, assessment officers were just as busy, trying to explain the government's new tax system to people or let them know how their property's assessment had been arrived at.

But while some people were confused about the tax system or had concerns about their assessments, for the most part they weren't using the information sessions as a chance to slam the government for its reforms.

"It seems to be going pretty well," Lingard said, about three-and-a-half hours into the Haliburton session. "People have been pretty good and pretty cordial, but then Haliburton County people are nice, aren't they?"

Property owners who had

questions about how the government had assessed their homes and cottages or disputed the amount of assessment could speak one-on-one with Ministry officials at the sessions on Thursday, Friday and Monday.

The assessment officers will pass on the property owners' concerns to the Ministry for further investigation and corrections, where necessary.

"It's like a preliminary appeal," said Lingard. "... We've found a couple of situations already where we know there

will need to be some changes."

In cases where the Ministry decides to alter its assessment, the property owners will receive an amended notice of assessment after April 7.

If the property owner remains dissatisfied, they have the opportunity to launch a formal appeal. The deadline to appeal is July 27, if the property owner receives an amended notice of assessment. Property owners who wish to appeal an assessment that hasn't been amended have to apply by June 29.

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— and ask for input.

In the meantime, trustees have directed board administrators to price out how much it would cost to have a graphics company design a logo to accompany the board's name.

Victoria County trustee Sharon Summers had originally recommended that the board hire a consultant to decide the whole matter — choose a name for the board and create the logo.

But other trustees objected.

Reid Scott, also a Victoria County trustee, argued the board should stick with the name trustees had picked from the contest.

To dump the name after establishing and following a selection process that had been set out months earlier would make the board look "ridiculous," he said.

"If we can't even decide the name ..." he said, trailing off ominously.

Scott said he can understand a logo being designed professionally, but feels the trustees should be able to settle on a name for the board.

Victoria County trustee Judy Saunders said she would be "really leery" about the board spending money on a private firm helping it find a name.

"Unless it comes in at a really ridiculously low price, I don't think we can afford this."

Saunders suggested that students and staff at schools across the board be given another chance to come up with a name.

Summers maintained the board's name and logo are very important because they symbolize what the board represents.

She reasoned the board will have to pay someone to

design a logo so it makes sense that they could also come up with the name as part of the project.

"This is part of the cost of amalgamation that the government didn't consider," she said.

But in the end, trustees decided they would make a decision from the six potential names they've got, based on input from local schools.

The names being considered for the board include: Trillium Woodlands District School Board, Four Seasons District School Board, Interlakes District School Board, Land of Lakes District School Board, Trillium District School Board and Trillium Lakelands District School Board.

Several trustees reported receiving complaints from the public about the name the board was thinking of calling itself.

Muskoka trustee Doris Monahan noted the acronym for Central Ontario District School Board — CODSB — bears too close a resemblance to the word cod. "I wonder if the fish is dead or alive," she said.

Monahan said she had even heard from a group of people opposed to the name who were calling themselves the "anything-but" committee.

Trustees hope to settle on a name at their meeting on March 24.

Acting education director Evelyn Brown pointed out the board has until March 31 to submit a new name to the Ministry of Education for approval.

Until then, it will continue to be known by the number it was given by the province when it re-aligned Ontario's education boundaries.

And if the board misses that March 31 deadline, that may be what its name remains.

Parents call for JK comeback in the fall

by PETER DOWNS
Staff Reporter

Hundreds of parents want the area's new school board to bring back Junior Kindergarten next September, regardless of how much funding it receives from the provincial government.

Vikki Duncan, chair of the school council at Lady Eaton Elementary School in Omeme, told trustees at a meeting Tuesday she had collected 426 signatures on a petition calling for JK to be offered board-wide.

Currently the program is run only in Muskoka elementary schools.

In a show of "political" support, trustees decided to advertise for Junior Kindergarten registrants for the coming school year across the three former board areas.

However, the board intends to make it clear to parents in the registration ads that the JK program will go ahead only if there is sufficient funding provided by the provincial government.

Ontario school boards are still anxiously waiting for the Ministry of Education to release its long-delayed funding model that will tell them how much money they'll have to run their systems as of September.

But Duncan urged trustees to quit holding for the funding information and make the decision to re-introduce JK.

"Instead of waiting, take action. It's needed and you guys can do it," she said.

Muskoka trustee Linda Matthews agreed with Duncan.

"My phone has been ringing off the hook from people concerned we're going to lose JK. This is the one subject that has really touched a nerve," she said. "... We have to take a stand and we have to let the government know that JK is an important part of the education of children."

Matthews said the board could "tighten our belts in other areas if we have to" to absorb the cost of starting up the program in Haliburton and Victoria Counties.

Board finance administrators have estimated it would cost approximately \$2.27-million annually to run JK board-wide.

But other trustees maintained it would be unwise to make a decision on the program until the board knows how much money it will have in its budget.

"The funding model may wipe out every special program we've got. We don't know that. And I hope I'm wrong," said Muskoka trustee Doris Monahan.

Victoria County trustee Reid Scott said the board shouldn't even take registration for JK until it knows for certain that it can afford to run the program.

Advertising for registrants "implies" to parents that there will be Junior Kindergarten in the fall, he maintained.



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Editorial

The good old days

LIKE THE SONG SAYS, sometimes you just don't know what you've got 'til it's gone. For almost 30 years, Haliburton County had a board of education that would spend months debating about who should get keys to school gates and what type of roof should go on a school addition. There were petty differences of opinion, moments of indecision and inconsequential rivalries. In other words, the 15 trustees displayed all facets of human behaviour. But despite some of the things that could frustrate an outside observer, by and large the trustees were hard-working, conscientious and responsible stewards of the taxpayers' money. They knew this was a relatively poor county and they planned their budgets accordingly. When they or the administrators stepped out of line, taxpayers and families let them know. (Remember the public outrage over the cost of full-colour notices of school events, designed to "look nice" stuck to refrigerator doors of families who would have been happier paying for the cost of a black and white photocopy?) It's not that the trustees were cheap, but they definitely were frugal. Their decisions tended to reflect the nature of the people who had voted them into office.

The same could not be said for all trustees around the province. Some seemed to find the greatest joy in spending money, especially since it didn't have to come from their wallets. They tripled staff and then had to hire managers to cope with all those people. They built huge, expensive board offices. But perhaps one of their biggest follies was their growing dependence on consultants. It was as if every decision needed an "expert" opinion. If a consultant arrived with overheads, and those overheads had slick graphics and charts, then all the better. Must be an expert.

By spending big and getting bigger, school boards, especially those in the Toronto region, became favourite targets of the provincial government. This government fought back, and it did so two ways: through the Fewer School Boards Act, which forced school boards to amalgamate; and by taking over 50% of education funding and 100% of the authority to set education tax rates. School boards simply will not be able to spend more than the government allots.

By restricting education funding, the province is attacking the problem in a curious way. It's still not setting guidelines about how the money should be spent – a certain percentage on teaching staff, administration and such things as books, for instance. Instead, it's relying on the new school boards to suddenly start making the "right" decisions, i.e. spending money on the classroom, not administration. If the government really wanted school boards to be more responsible, it should have implemented policies on spending. Now all we'll get is public bickering over funding.

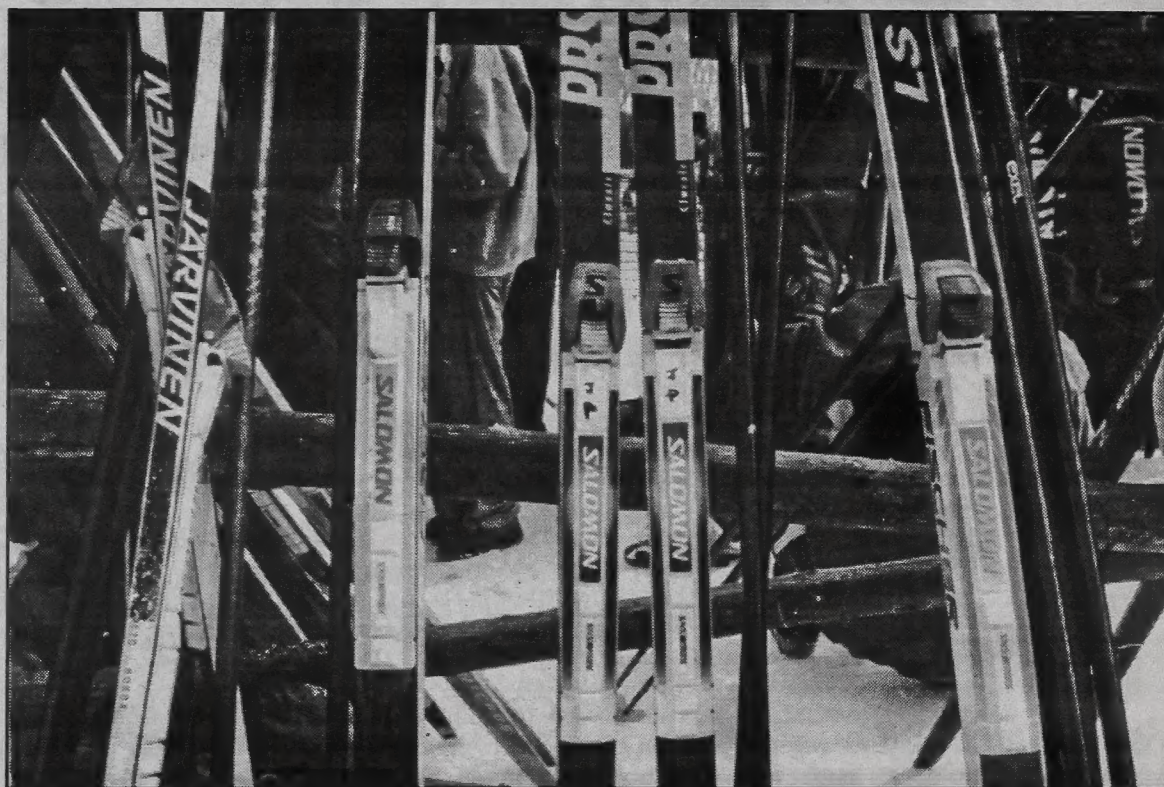
What about frugal Haliburton County? We have one representative on the newly amalgamated board of Haliburton, Muskoka and Victoria. Not wanting to be called by an uninspiring number – way to go, 15! – the board recently chose the uninspiring name of Central Ontario. When the public reacted negatively, one trustee suggested a consultant be hired to come up with a name, and then a logo. Luckily, the other trustees questioned the wisdom of hiring someone to do what the board was elected to do – make basic decisions.

Giving itself a few more weeks to pick a name, the board meanwhile decided to place ads in local papers saying parents should register their children for junior kindergarten. Not that the trustees have decided to offer junior kindergarten. They don't yet know if they can afford it.

What will happen, however, when they realize they might have to cut other programs in order to be able to offer it? Their old standby of raising taxes will not be available to them. How do they know whether junior kindergarten has more advantages than a strong music program? Is it better for the students' overall abilities if they spend more time on physical activities? Maybe parents in Haliburton would rather the money be spent re-instating the old, longer bus runs so their children don't have to walk as far.

It wouldn't be difficult to find answers to some of these questions. The information is available and it doesn't take a consultant to find it. Trustees can't simply spend their way out of difficult decisions, because as they'll find out, the people of Haliburton County are masters of "making do" and expect others to do it, too.

M.P.



The racer's edge

by Len Pizze

Letters to the Editor

Haliburton's parking meters discourage downtown shoppers

To the Editor:

Well, can anyone out there explain just how the parking situation works in Haliburton?

Being foolish enough to venture into town following an appointment over there, I made the mistake of deciding not to put money in the parking meter, when eight cars either side of me had not. Assuming they know the rules better than I, I followed suit. Obviously I don't learn from my mistakes.

Upon returning a very short time later only myself and one other vehicle had parking tickets. The others "suddenly" had time on their meters, or they were no longer there.

I've said it before, and I'll say it again, "Parking meters are not customer friendly." It creates a major inconvenience, and not everyone makes a point of carrying a pocket full of change.

As I left the town office I was fortunate enough to meet

up with the other ticket holder. He held the same opinion as myself - Bancroft is definitely the place to shop.

I'm sure the girls collecting the money in the office for these tickets have a lot of anger and frustration vented their way. Please realize that it is directed at the town and not at you. My apologies again to Brooke.

Linda Nottage
Wilberforce

Ottawa has won deficit battle

The federal government has tabled a balanced budget for the first time in almost 30 years. This is an historic accomplishment of which all Canadians can be proud. The deficit fight has been won.

In his February 24 Budget Speech, Finance Minister Paul Martin announced that the budget will be balanced in 1997-98 and in each of the next two years, the first time in nearly 50 years that the budget will be balanced for three consecutive years.

As the Minister pointed out, it was Canadians who recognized the cost of fiscal mismanagement and called for firm action. They have shown great forbearance in shouldering the burden of difficult actions. "Canadians can be very proud today. This is their victory."

The deficit is gone but the heavy legacy of 25 years of deficits remains. Canada's debt burden is far too high. Every dollar that we have to spend to pay interest on the debt is a dollar we



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John O'Reilly

cannot use for health care or to reduce taxes. The Federal government is committed to getting Canada's debt burden down, steadily, permanently and irrevocably.

The best way to measure a country's debt burden is to compare the debt with the size of the economy. This is called the debt-to-GDP ratio. In 1996-97, this ratio declined significantly for the first time in more than 20 years, falling from 71.9 per cent to 71.1 per cent. Our debt repayment plan uses a two-track strategy to reduce Canada's debt burden to 63 per cent of GDP by 1999-2000. We will make investments that support job creation and eco-

nomie growth and we will pay down the debt using any excess portions of our \$3 billion annual Contingency Reserves.

An educated, capable workforce is essential to keep the Canadian economy growing and producing good jobs. The 1998 Budget invests in helping people improve their skills and knowledge through the new Canadian Opportunities Strategy.

The centrepiece of the strategy is the Canada Millennium Scholarships Foundation, which will award more than 100,000 scholarships a year over 10 years through an initial endowment of \$2.5 billion. The Strategy also includes study grants for students with children, tax-free withdrawals from RRSPs to allow those in mid-career to upgrade their skills and grants to help par-

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Early spring fever

MAVIS KNEW she was in trouble the minute daffodils sprung to mind. She had just opened the door to put out the garbage, when she caught a whiff of warm air riding on a breeze. The soft touch of it stopped her in mid-step and she closed her eyes dreamily and thought of daffodils nodding in Vancouver's February sun. That had been a surprising spring, so very many years ago. Surprising because it came so early for an Easterner like herself, pushing her out of the rainy doldrums of a west coast winter. Also surprising in its intensity, the way it made her feel suddenly and gloriously alive and in love with the world. A daffodil world.

Now, with March spread out like a welcome mat on the threshold of a new season, Mavis felt the same irresistible and irrational urge to burst into song, hug a tree, talk to the chickadees watching at her feeder. She felt her forehead. Although it felt normal, she knew she had the fever. Spring fever.

Then the phone rang. Mavis slammed the lid down on the garbage box and ran back into the house. As she did, she realized soon the garbage would have to be moved back indoors unless she wanted bears on her porch. Taking the stairs two at a time, in typical spring fever style, she answered a breathy hello before the caller hung up.

It was her friend Sally, wanting to talk about flower seeds and peat pots. Mavis could feel the green in her own thumb tingling as Sally spoke about dianthus, daisies and dahlias. It was just like her and her old friend to be in sync. Obviously Sally had also come down with the fever.

After lunch, Mavis pulled out her flat-end shovel and dug channels in the ice for her rapidly melting driveway. She fought the urge to remove her jacket, even while she felt the dampness under her arms as she worked in the warm sunshine. Dennis her neighbour pulled to a stop and she walked over to chat. He told her the sap had started to run and they both exclaimed over the unusually early timing. Dennis said it made him nervous. A creature of habit, the unexpected always cast a threatening shadow across his life. Dennis did not have, nor did he want, spring fever. He preferred to jump straight into summer madness which for him began the May 24th weekend. Until then, he waited and watched out for surprises.

Hot and happy, Mavis poured herself a tall, cold drink, grabbed a lawn chair from the garage and planted herself down on the snowy, frozen lake surface in front of her house. The light was blinding, the breeze magical. There were some snowmobiles whining their way along the other side of the lake, their tracks slugging through the heavy slush. All around Marvis were deer and wolf tracks. She had seen both walking on the lake two mornings ago when she left for work. She wondered how long before the big animals stayed off the lake and what told them when it was no longer safe to go on the ice.

As she walked back up the hill to her house, she imagined blue water behind her and beds of flowers in front of her. Where now stood heaps of snow from her roof, she saw mounds of berry bushes. But despite the hum of summer growth and colour, it could not match the buzz of spring fever that Mavis felt at that very moment. It all lay ahead; months of gardening, swimming, bonfires on the beach and sleeping beneath an open window. The anticipation of reading herself to near sleep on a screened porch while fireflies danced before her threw a shiver of excitement up her spine. It was coming and this was just the day to prove it.

Mavis filled up her old tin with birdseed and emptied it into the feeder. Pine grosbeaks watched from the trees, waiting for her to move away before descending on the food. As she walked back into the house, Mavis wondered if the birds were filling up before a storm. Her grandmother always told her birds would do that. After all, it was March. Anything was possible.



DOWN OUR ROAD

Sharon Lynch



Pic of the Past

It looks like the real thing -- the late Don "Soup" Campbell of Minden used this truck to deliver Coca Cola across the

Highlands. This photo was taken in 1948, but the truck's age is not certain. Our thanks to Boomers Restaurant for providing this photo.

Ladies, Easy Rider and the Olympics

THANK YOU Margery Cartwright. Thank you for taking the time to write and respond to my last column concerning our contemporary manner of attempting to legislate our language. (The Echo, "Letters to the Editor", February 24) You gave an opinion based upon your perception of the meaning of the word "ladies" today. Such makes for an interesting dialogue, which is the essence of the art of conversation about which I wrote in a previous column.

Thank you also, Margery, for becoming one of three sources of inspiration for this week's column. My second source is Lon Duncombe, who in his last column (February 24) was musing about how his views of the movie "Easy Rider" have changed over time. That was, as his column is titled, a thought provoking perspective.

My third source came from the Olympics and our trumpeted glory of 15 medals, the most ever - so we were deliriously and frequently informed.

What possible thread could possibly connect these three diverse subjects - "Ladies," "Easy Rider," and Olympic

medals? One word "context." Each one, set into its context of time and place, provides one facet of perspective about that time and place. These then become the building blocks that define our communal past: who we are, where we came from, and why we act as we do.

Concerning the Olympics, there were no questions about the number of new sports included, thus increasing the pool of medals to be won. Nor was it noted that in two of these

memory that makes apt commentary about our evolving society in the last 50 years of this millennium.

So how does "ladies" fit into this scenario? It has a long history and over time many shades of meaning. It may, as Margery Cartwright noted, just be a relic of the past, no longer viable after the Victorian age. It may also, however, still hold the implication of courteousness, civility, consideration, quite as the term "gentleman" does. To legislate it out of existence because some of its connotations seem disagreeable instead of gradually remolding it to suit our 21st Century image seems somewhat diminishing.

Thus from these three examples perhaps we can see how we sometimes actively attempt to interfere with the recording of our lives which becomes the history we pass on to the future. Living each day and thus contributing to our own history may be called the art of living. Trying to decree or delete or deny the reality of our all encompassing world seems to my mind depleting.

ART AND ME

Marion J. Hare

sports - curling and snow-boarding - we were top contenders for medals and won three. That information puts a somewhat more accurate slant on our achievement and thus sets it in its proper perspective for future Olympic games.

Within the context of the '60s, was "Easy Rider" a valid commentary of the values of the times? It certainly was an immense success at the box office. And it too in its own time and place is an event and a

Government spends on education

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ents save for their children's education.

We are putting more money towards education. We have increased transfers to the provinces for health care and other programs. While Canadians have called for reinvestment in these areas - and we have responded - we are keeping a tight rein on overall government spending. Federal program spending will continue to decline in relation to the size of the economy (GDP). By 1999-2000, program spending in relation to the GDP will be at its lowest level in 50 years.

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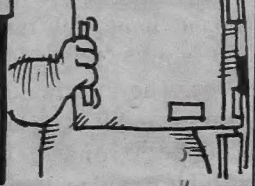
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OFSSA nordic races bring out the best

■ HHSS skiers compete well against Ontario's top teens

by PETER DOWNS
Staff Reporter

Racers on Haliburton high school's nordic ski team performed very well at last week's OFSSA races, competing against the province's top teenaged skiers at Glebe Park.

And organizers say they're extremely pleased with how the three-day competition — drawing 755 student racers from 92 schools — played out.

Despite some rain which threatened to cancel the event, the weather turned in the organizers' favour just before the competition began.

"The forecast was for more rain, but we got a little more snow. We were really lucky," said Bruce Griffith, coach of the school's nordic ski team.

Haliburton's Ainsley Heyes had the strongest individual showing from the HHSS skiers that qualified to race. She finished an impressive 18th overall out of 187 senior girls on a six-kilometre course.

Also racing well in the senior girls' event were Stephanie Ratz, who placed 43rd, and Amanda Duncombe, who came in 51st.

Caitlin Pettit, Amy Ellis, Jennifer Turner, Amy Wood and Allison Kennedy also competed in the race.

In the junior girls five-kilometre race Katherine Hagerman placed 43rd in a field of 177, while Kristi Bowskill Bolin was 54th and Carrie Heyes came in 69th. Other Haliburton racers in the event were Camilla Pettit, Kelly Kettner, Jordana Bain and Katie Woods.

Coach Griffith said he was very impressed with Matt Hindman, who raced in the junior boys' six-kilometre event, despite still being in Grade 8 at J. Douglas Hodgson Elementary School. Hindman came in 89th in a field of 168.



FINE FINISH: Haliburton's Stephanie Ratz crosses the finish line in the senior girls' individual race.

"He did really well. He's going to be something," said Griffith.

Brock Ladurantaye and Chris Ratz also competed for HHSS in the junior boys' event.

Racing for Haliburton in the senior boys' 8.5-kilometre competition were Matt Heffer, Ryan O'Neil, Danny Wright, Keven Hurley, Ian MacKenzie and John Craig.

Based on both days of competition, the senior girls at HHSS recorded an impressive 7th place finish out of 27 schools, while juniors girls came in 11th out of 26 schools, the senior boys finished 21st of 28 schools and the senior boys and girls combined placed 10th, out of 19 schools.

The calibre of skiers in the event was very high, with some the winners undoubtedly bound for the Canadian National Ski Team, Griffith noted.

The event was also a big success for the many local sponsors and volunteers who helped put it together, said Griffith "I was overwhelmed with the local support. It was unbelievable."

The committee organizing the event put a lot of work into the trails and facilities at Glebe Park that should pay off down the road for future competitions.

"Our goal as a committee is to get it up to stand for bigger races, national races and perhaps international races," said Griffith.

Next winter HHSS will again host the OFSSA races at Glebe Park.

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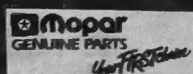
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Rocket Atoms on a roll

by RON PETTIT

The Rocket Atoms began this segment of the season with their home tournament on February 15. The first game was against the Lindsay "Selects", who managed a 5-0 lead by the middle of the third period before the Rockets' Andy Sayers scored a goal with the assist going to Gavin Swan. Shawn Crowder then scored, assisted by

Terry Bannon and Rodney Fowler, but it was not enough. Final score Lindsay 5, Wilberforce 2.

In their second game, the boys bounced back to earn a close 3-0 win over Port Perry. Goals went to Kevin Bowman, Tim Pettit and Shawn. Assists were earned by Rodney, Terry and Gavin.

The Rockets then went into the 'B' championship game against Oakwood. The final score was 3-0 for

the Rockets. Oshawa won the tournament, with Lindsay finishing second.

Wilberforce then played two more games on February 22, the first against Ops and the second against Cannington. In the first game, the Rockets scored a goal in each period to defeat Ops 3-0. Goals went to Tim, Rodney (assisted by Kanan Quibell) and Justin Donaldson (assisted by Tim and Andy).

In the second game, Wilberforce continued its strong play, earning a 5-2 win over Cannington. Rodney scored first, assisted by Terry. Andy scored next, assisted by Tim. Kevin Bowman scored the next goal with Tim and Terry capping off another impressive outing. Assists on the final two goals went to Kanan, Kevin and Tim.

Wilberforce Novice B Rockets fly to win over Mariposa in tight game

by KATHY DeCARLO

The Wilberforce Novice B series with Mariposa continued Monday night. The Rockets came out flying in the first period. Adam DeCarlo scored the first goal with assists going to Daniel Riley and Travis MacKay. Nick Adams scored the second goal with assists going to Travis MacKay and Adam DeCarlo. The second period was fast paced with some great end to end play. Mariposa came out strong in the third period and scored one goal. With some fantastic saves by Jeremy Orth and some great defensive play, the Rockets held them off. Final score 2-1 for Wilberforce.

Tuesday night we were in Oakwood for another good game between two evenly matched teams. Travis MacKay scored first off a lovely pass from Daniel Riley. Mariposa came back with two goals to go ahead 2-1. The Rockets fought hard and Jonathon Belbin made a great pass to Adam DeCarlo who tied the game. Mariposa ended the second period with the go-ahead goal. It was a tough third period with both teams wanting the win. Travis MacKay scored the tying goal late in the period on a great pass from Josh Townsend. Once again, the boys found themselves

playing an overtime period. Early in overtime, Jonathon Belbin and Daniel Riley made some great passes to set up Travis MacKay, who scored the winning goal. Final score 4-3 for Wilberforce.

The next game was a great playoff game. Great end-to-end play and excellent goal tending by both teams. Unfortunately, Mariposa was the only team to score. Final score 1-0.

Game seven was in Oakwood. Our small team got even smaller when Adam DeCarlo couldn't play after only one shift. With just seven players, the Rockets gave it their all. The first period was even with both teams scoring one. Travis MacKay scored with assists going to Daniel Riley and Nick Adams. The second period was all Rockets. Daniel Riley scored one goal unassisted and one on a great pass from Josh Townsend. The third period was scoreless with great play from both teams. Final score 3-1 for Wilberforce.

The team consists of some pretty terrific boys who play as a team and, win or lose, they do it together. Congratulations to Jeremy Orth, Drew Galloway, Jonathon Belbin, Josh Townsend, Daniel Riley, Adam DeCarlo, Nick Adams and Travis MacKay.

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Major Tyke Huskies edged in playoff opener

by RICK LOWES

On Saturday afternoon, the Major Tyke Huskies were in Sunderland for the opening game of their playoff round robin. The Huskies came out strong and before the game was two minutes old, the local boys were on the board. Robert Lowes fired a clearing pass up the boards to Jesse Stoughton who fired a shot high into the top corner and it was 1-0 Huskies. Sunderland fought back and Daniel (the Cat) Sisson, who was between the pipes, made some spectacular saves but couldn't single handedly stop the onslaught of offense and the home team tied it at one.

Halfway through the second, the Huskies went ahead again when Chase Thurston scored from a perfect two way relay from Zac Pringer and Jesse Stoughton.

The Huskies held the lead well into the third period but then seemed to tire and Sunderland took advantage, banging in three goals in the last three minutes to win it 4-2.

The Major Tykes were in Wilberforce for the Rockets' annual tournament on Sunday and started the day off in style against Bobcaygeon. Nathan Woodcock was in net and he played a lot like his favourite netminder, Patrick Roy, except Nathan was better turning back the 'Caygeon attackers. He held the Huskies in until they revved up their offense midway through the second. Jesse Stoughton seemed to be on a mission this day and he started off by stripping the puck off the opposing defenceman at centre ice then, breaking in alone, deking the goalie, then firing the puck into the net. Three minutes later, Cole Scheffee grabbed a loose puck at center and fed a perfect pass to Scott Griffith who fired a rocket past the goalie into the twine. Jesse Stoughton got his second unassisted goal of the game when he broke out of a scrum at centre ice, raced down the ice, threw a head fake on the goalie and fired the puck. Later in the third, Stoughton dug the puck out of the corner and sent a pass to Chase Thurston who saw Nelson Evans in the slot and Evans fired a perfect wrist shot. Moments later, Chase Thurston added another when he banged in a rebound from a goal mouth scramble. To cap the day, Jesse Stoughton scored in the final minute to get his hat trick and to make the final 6-0. Stoughton was named the game MVP and Nathan Woodcock got the shut out.

Game two was against Parry Sound and the Huskies were in for a tough one. Daniel Sisson was in net and had a very busy game kicking out one shot after another and keeping the game close for his team mates. But Daniel couldn't do it on his own and, despite his great effort, the Huskies lost.

The tournament was a point system and the Huskies quali-

fied for the final against their arch nemesis, the Wilberforce Rockets. Now the local lads hadn't beaten the Rockets all season; they had come close but never won. Sunday was the day. You could feel the sense of mission in the dressing room and the coaching staff had the eye of the tiger.

Nathan Woodcock got the call for goalie duties and he was spectacular. The game was scoreless until midway through the second when Jesse Stoughton hit Chase Thurston and Thurston turned on the jets to fire a laser beam shot into the corner for a 1-0 lead. The Rockets never give up and

moments later tied the game with some good hard work in the Huskies' zone.

The game remained tied until early in the third. With the Huskies pressing, they managed a number of shots on the Rocket goalie who played superbly, kicking out shot after shot until Jesse

Stoughton finally beat him on a rebound that just trickled over the line and it was 2-1 Huskies. The whole team played a strong defensive game afterward and shut the Rockets down. Final score 2-1 Huskies and they came home with the hardware.

Jack Bassett Memorial Bonspiel



Ken Wilson, skip, Del Galvin, vice, Teddy Stuckless, 2nd, and Ray Hutchinson, lead, won last week's Jack Bassett Memorial Bonspiel. The Haliburton Legion matched the \$856 raised in the event to give the Canadian Cancer Society a total donation of \$1,712.



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WOHL skates by ice disaster

by KEN RILEY

The recent success of the movie "Titanic" demonstrates the fascination that humans have with disasters. Ever since Mount Vesuvius levelled Pompeii, mankind cannot get enough of terrible tragedy. Calamities continue to happen, giving Hollywood plenty of fodder. How about El Nino vs. California, with music by Mud Slide Slim! There's a movie in the works about the greatest natural disaster of 1998, the Canadian Men's Olympic Hockey Team, tentatively titled "Puck Around". It stars Arnold Swartzenegger as Eric Lindros "Ve're going to vin dis sucker", Tom Cruise plays Mark Crawford, an experienced coach in NHL procedure but apparently a rookie in the art of the shootout. Emo Phillips plays Wayne Gretzky and Janet Jones plays Wayne's love interest, Janet Jones. James Woods stars as Dominik Hasek "The Puck Stops Here, Baby!". Follow the team as they leave Canada to the strains of "High Hopes" right to the end as

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Gretzky sits on the bench with the Beatles' "You're a Loser" playing in the background. The movie does have a happy ending though - all the players get to go back to their million dollar jobs in the NHL!

Now to hockey that won't disappoint, the W.O.H.L. The first game of the week featured the Clarkson Plumbers and the Wilberforce Golden Ponders. The only goal of the first came off the stick of the Plumbers' Frank Powers. A scoreless second saw fine netminding from the Plumbers' Kevin Finch and Ponders' Bill Winstanley. Late in the third, the Plumbers forged ahead as Tom Ballentine and Joe Roberts found net. Drew Carey's empty netter gave the Plumbers the 4-1 victory.

Game two had the Haliburton Hawks up against Apsley.

Apsley kept it close for the first period but then the wear me down Hawks took control skating to a 9-0 win.

It was the night of the hat trick as Steve Roberts, Tom Curry and Rick Wood all registered three goals apiece. Congrats to goalie Larry Hartin on his third shut out of the season.

In game three, Bancroft Canadian Tire encountered the Whitney Shimanos. The first two periods belonged to the Tiremen, taking a 5-0 lead on goals by Jim Goodwinn and Bill Fransky, both with two. Tom Armstrong had a single. The Shimanos fought back in the third with two from John Scott but Bancroft had two of their own from Armstrong and Fransky to end it Bancroft 7, Whitney 2.

This week, it's Wilberforce and Whitney at 7 p.m., Canadian Tire meets the Hawks at 8:10 p.m. and the Plumbers face Apsley at 9:20 p.m. Get on down to the rink and cheer on your favourites. The only disaster will be if you're not there!

Flu-weakened PeeWee C Huskies fall to Ops squad

by SUE CLARKSON

Time to bring you up to date on the PeeWee C Huskies' play-off trail. This first group of playoffs have been tougher than expected due to a lot of variables, one being illness. The flu didn't bypass this team either. As well, Matthew Davidson was lost due to an injury in a previous game. Get well quick, Matt.

The team's first game with Ops was a solidly played match against their toughest competition in this round. Shea Horning did a super job in net as did the defensive core of Andre Nichol, Cory Pool, Martin Gage and Paul Hutchinson. One minute before the break the score was 1-0 in favour of the Ops team. Unfortunately, Haliburton's opposition landed two quick ones just before the period ended.

The Huskies hosted Manvers the next day in Wilberforce. Manvers got on the scoreboard first, though the Huskies dominated the play with shots on goal and hustle. Once again Shea was solid in net. At the end of the second Cory Pool assisted on a goal by Mitchell Clarkson to put us on the board.

We pulled the goalie at the end but

Manvers overtook us 2-1. Solid work on wing this game by Dan Vanier. Excellent game boys.

The following weekend Beaverton came to Haliburton with a shortened bench.

The Huskies had numerous chances in the first, but the Blades goaltender was hot. Beaverton drew the first two goals in the second, one on a slapshot and another when the Huskies couldn't clear their zone. The Huskies lone goal was scored by Cory Sisson, assisted by Brandon Logan but that was all the offence the team could muster this day. The Blades netted another into an empty net to take the win.

Off to Sunderland the same day with a couple less players, but the boys motored to a big 6-5 win. This game saw the Huskies gain the lead a few times, only to have the Red Wings come back each time to tie it up. In the third, the Huskies scored once more and maintained the lead to the end.

Well done boys. Cory Sisson tallied two goals and two assists, Brock Thomas scored two goals and one assist and Andre Nichol scored one and assisted on two with Jeff Packard netting one and Cory Pool assisting on one.



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Volunteers helped make OFSAA races a big hit

NORDIC NOTES

Blake Paton

In this last column of this season I would like to remind all Haliburton Ski Club members of the annual General Meeting at the Glebe Park clubhouse on March 7 at 3 p.m. Ski before or after the meeting and pot-luck dinner. Remember that there will be good skiing for some time yet. Ski now because, as Otis Redding said, you don't miss your water 'til your well runs dry.

As a convenor of the OFSAA Nordic and Ontario Winter Games championship for 1998, it is apparent that the final and perhaps most gratifying task of running a big event is saying thank-you to those who made it possible. There were 750 athletes in the championships at Glebe Park, and all left satisfied saying it was a great event.

Bruce Griffith, the other convenor, and I must thank all of those who made the event possible. Firstly, we thank the volunteers. Parking, medical services, food, course marshals, registration, and start and finish area volunteers all made the event a huge success.

Many of these people sacrificed a day or two of work to help on the race site, and this is perhaps the most impressive gesture of the whole event. "Amateur sport" literally is built on the efforts of those who love sport, and there seems to be no greater way to express the love of sport than to sacrifice your livelihood or vacation time to support it. Fortunately, there are many of these people who live in our community.

Beyond the people who were present to

make the event work, there were many behind-the-scenes people who made it all possible. Many local sponsors contributed cash and goods and services so that this event could take place. In these times it is almost impossible to execute such an event without such generous local support. To these sponsors we extend our heartiest "Thank-you". Meanwhile, Len Pizzezy of the Echo co-ordinated the fundraising.

We must also thank the executive committee of the Haliburton Nordic Trails Association, and Wes Lytle, the man running the groomer, for their support and perseverance through the weeks leading to the event. John Felts at the Lakeview Motel deserves special mention for his efforts on their executive. We also received support from unlikely corners: Moosewoods Trail Centre loaned a timing hut, and the Haliburton Snowmobile Club made preparations to loan a groomer in the event of a breakdown or emergency.

The Search and Rescue service attended, and the Kawartha Zone of the Canadian Ski Patrol provided medical and rescue services during the event. At least one parent of a competitor has already written to express her thanks to them.

We thank the Municipality of Dysart et al. for helping with site preparation and maintenance leading to this event. It would not be possible to invite so many guests to our county without their assistance.

Finally, there are those who do not fall into any of the categories already mentioned. Your contributions are appreciated, and it is our regret that we cannot acknowledge everyone by name, as there are simply too many. Thank you.



MOOSE WOODS LOPPETT: Blake Paton leads the way at the start of the Moose Woods Loppett on Sunday. The annual event attracted local and out-of-town skiers, who enjoyed the challenge of completing the 15-kilometre course under heavy, wet snow which made for less-than-ideal skiing.

Husky Mites come from behind for big win over Lindsay team

• HALIBURTON • MITES

by MICHELLE LEROUX

The Haliburton Mites played in their first tournament of the year on February 28 in Bobcaygeon. The first game came a little too early for the Huskies but they managed to keep it close.

The Lindsay house league was ahead 4-0 by the end of the second period but the Mites woke up and came back with two in the third by Brandon Nimigon, assisted by Chris Judge and Paxton Leroux with help from Luke Watson.

This first game was only a warm-up as the Mites came back an hour later to beat Bobcaygeon in their second match-up. Little Carson Roberts started the game with a great shot that slid past the Bobcaygeon goalie. Craig Mulholland then started a shooting and scoring spree of his own. He was assisted by Leroux and L. Watson. Then Judge and Watson helped set up Leroux to score the third. Not to be left out, Mark Vasey put one in

to keep us well ahead. Final score: Haliburton 5, Bobcaygeon 4.

With only a half hour rest, the Mites were back on the ice in their final game, facing Manvers. Obviously, these boys play better when they're exhausted! They soundly crushed the Manvers team with a score of 11-0.

Craig Mulholland skated his way to glory with a total of five goals. Luke Watson was not far behind with three. Mark Vasey put in another two and Paxton Leroux one. Jordan Roberts, Brandon Nimigon, Carson Roberts, Julian Barry and Chris Judge did a great job helping with assists.

The Haliburton team ended up tied with Bobcaygeon and Lindsay. After using a unique method of goals against/goals for/total points, Haliburton and Lindsay were still tied. The championship was awarded to Lindsay but in our eyes, the Haliburton Mites were the winners. Thanks to coach Bill Mulholland, Joe Roberts and Ted Vasey for their excellent work with these young boys and, of course, congratulations to the team — you did Haliburton proud.

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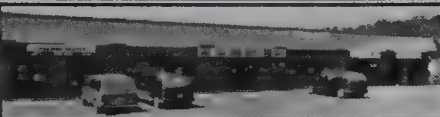
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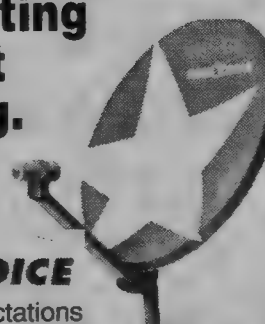


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PeeWee A Huskies take round two lead

by DAVE BROWN

The PeeWee A Huskies started their second round of the play-offs last week, meeting with the Lakefield Chiefs. In their first game, the Huskies appeared to be rather tentative in their play after a two-week lay off. Haliburton was also missing several of their key players due to illness and other reasons.

The Chiefs struck early, skating in from the opening face off and scoring at the 14:30 mark, catching the Huskies napping. Lakefield generally out played and out hit the Huskies for the first period.

Again, early in the second period, Lakefield scored to put them up by two, capitalizing on a power play opportunity. Play in this period was a little sloppy but Haliburton started to generate some scoring chances but were unable to finish them off.

Once into the third period, Haliburton was looking a little more like the boys in blue but were unsuccessful around the Chiefs' net. In the last minute of the game, Glen Sharpley pulled the Huskie net minder for the extra attacker.

The Huskies cycled the puck well in the Chiefs' zone and Matt Brown and Alex Ambridge combined to put the puck out to Travis Bain who scored with only 16 seconds remaining in the game. This play helped to set the tone for game two down in Lakefield. Thanks to Joel Johnson who filled in and played an aggressive game for us.

The Huskies were back in form for game two in Lakefield before their vocal home crowd. Haliburton was skating and checking aggressively right from the start. While having lots of good chances and ringing the post, the first period ended scoreless. Garrett Pockett, Jeremy Miscio and Joel Cooper were ensuring that the Lakefield offense were keeping their heads up.

At the mid point of the second period, Jeremy Miscio and Matt Brown sent Travis Bain in over the blue line. Travis powered a slap shot that put Haliburton up by one. The Lakefield goalie is still looking for the puck. Lakefield tied things up when the Huskies failed to clear the zone, ending the period at one apiece. Haliburton definitely had the edge thus far but the game could still go either way.

Once again in the third period, Lakefield's goalie managed to thwart the Huskies with some impressive net minding. Alex Ambridge rang the post with a strong wrist shot but the puck bounced off in the wrong direction. As the period wound down, it was turning into what might as well have been sudden death, the way the goalies were playing. Finally, at 1:47, Travis Bain cracked the Chiefs' goal tending, putting the Huskies ahead by one after being set up from Darwin Kirkpatrick and Matt Brown. Chris Petrow relieved the fans when he scored an insurance goal with 46 seconds remaining, sliding the puck between the goalie's legs. Travis

found the empty net after Lakefield pulled their goalie in the dying seconds to give him the hat trick. Excellent game, excellent goal tending and excellent hustle by all the Huskies with a 4-1 victory and the series was tied at one apiece.

Sunday night, it was back to Lakefield for game three of the series. Haliburton started the game as they ended the previous one with persistent checking and scored first. Alex Ambridge scored after being set up by Travis Bain and Darren Kirkpatrick capitalizing on a

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power play opportunity. Less than a minute later, Chris Petrow found the top corner assisted by Garrett Pockett. Keeping the pressure on, the Huskies pulled ahead by three before the period ended when Ben DeCarlo passed to Justin Sharpley who picked the corner.

Into the second period, the penalty minutes picked up as Lakefield tried to out muscle the Huskies. Lakefield got on the

board with a power play goal after five minutes of play in this period. Haliburton was knocked off their game plan and looked a little shaky. Justin and Chris combined to set up Alex who split the defense with a burst of speed, beating the goalie to regain the three-goal lead. However, the Lakefield team kept up their momentum and scored two unanswered goals to end the period only down by one goal.

After the break, the Huskies regrouped and came back out with renewed vigor and back to

their original game plan. Alex Ambridge let a long wrist shot go that found the five hole for his hat trick. Justin Sharpley set up Chris Petrow for his second of the night on a two-on-one that finished the scoring with a 6-3 win for the Huskies.

Another exciting game for the fans as the Huskies pull ahead in the series 2-1. Look out on Tuesday night in Haliburton at 8:00 p.m. for game four of the series when Lakefield comes to town. Good stuff, guys. The whole team is contributing to the success of this series.

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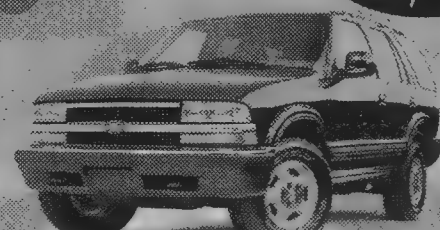
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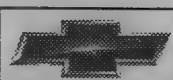
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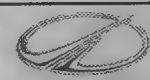
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Bantam A Huskies shoot for the Stars

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BANTAM A

by SUE CLARKSON

Sometime ago now, the Bantam A Huskies hosted the Millbrook Stars. The Stars were up two games to zip in a best-three-of-five series. Five seconds into the first Millbrook penalty Adam Henry netted the team's first goal, assisted by Jason Woodcox. This seemed to spur the team on, even though Millbrook tied it up a few minutes later when the Huskies didn't clear their zone.

Another Husky goal early in the second was scored by Jason Woodcox, assisted by Adam Henry and Jamie Luck. Jason put one in assisted by Adam Henry and Ryan Wood before the period was over. The Stars notched one before the period was done.

With the score 3-2 for the blue and white at the start of the final period of

play, the Huskies knew they had to keep the pressure on. This they did culminating in another goal scored early by Nick Cochrane. The Stars answered with one more late in the game but despite pulling their goalie and some incredible action our defence stoned them all, as did the goaltending of Brian Mulholland. Great effort team.

The return encounter to Millbrook two nights later was another must-win match for these Haliburton boys, but their desire was not as strong as the Stars. Millbrook controlled the game from start to finish with excellent hockey. Haliburton tried but for a variety of reasons was unable to score. A hot Millbrook goaltender, playing different positions and illness, all took a toll. The boys did try, they just couldn't connect in this one, ending the series with Millbrook advancing.

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OMHA Novices Huskies edged 2-1 in Bracebridge re-match

by ROY BURK

On February 26, the OMHA Novice Huskies went to Bracebridge for a re-match. This game was intense. Bracebridge came out flying and kept us off guard. They started the scoring in the first before our defense tightened up and we started to apply more pressure at the other end.

The second period was much the same as both teams kept trying to find a weakness in the goalies. Ian Sachs kept making save after save, as well as his counterpart. Bracebridge changed to their second goalie halfway through and our boys took advantage of him coming in cold. Scott Lewis checked a Grizzly at centre and went tape to tape with Tyler Watson. Tyler went in deep and wide and shot hard at the net and the game was tied.

The game remained tied until halfway through the third. Bracebridge was on a power play when the puck came out to the point. No. 9 on defence let a hand high shot rip. Ian got a piece of it but unfortunately couldn't control it.

The Huskies tried and tried but the Grizzlies' defence was too tough and the game ended with a 2-1 loss. A great game effort goes out to Ian who hadn't played for two weeks. He made save after save and kept us in the game.

Finally, we found out who our next playoff opponent is and we played our first game against Brighton on Sunday. This was another tough game. We managed to get started first when Devin

Hunter checked a Brighton player and passed to Adam Sisson who danced his way into the goal line. Adam passed across the front of the net and Devin drove it home. The first period ended with us up one and so did the second. But it wasn't for lack of trying as both teams kept the pressure on. Both goalies played excellently as did the defence-man.

The third period was extremely exciting. Brighton had several scrambles in front of our net. Jeff Burk, Matt Tripp, Ryan Bottum and Galen Bowman kept their men tied up so Ian could perform his magic. Our forwards kept the pressure on at the other end as well but the puck wouldn't bounce our way. Late in the game, Brighton pulled their goalie and got lucky with only 35 seconds left. A hard shot from the blue line hit a couple of players and was in.

A ten minute over time went into effect. Coach Winn jockeyed the lines to try and get a quick goal and it almost worked. For the first minute, the puck was closer to Brighton's end than ours but we still couldn't get the right bounce. Brighton was able to get one good try at our net but the "Cat" came up with the save.

Our next rush down was the game winner. Adam dug the puck out of the corner and shot at the net. Tyler Watson took the rebound and within four minutes of over time, we won. Special praise to Dylan and Scott who played good games despite fighting off the flu bug.



NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING CONCERNING A PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE OFFICIAL PLAN OF THE MUNICIPALITY OF DYSART ET AL

TAKE NOTICE that the Council of the Corporation of the United Townships of Dysart et al will hold a Public Meeting on

Monday April 6th, 1998, commencing at 4:00p.m.
in the Council Chambers at the Township Municipal Office.

THE PURPOSE of the Public Meeting will be to consider a proposed amendment to the Official Plan of the Municipality of Dysart et al pursuant to Sections 17 and 21 of the Planning Act, R.S.O., 1990, Chapter P.13, as amended.

THE PURPOSE AND EFFECT of the proposed amendment is to update the land use policies of the Municipality with respect to lands serviced by municipal sewers. The proposed amendment will have two components:

1. The lot standards for the Residential Area designation of the Plan will be amended to differentiate the following:
 - Residential Areas serviced by sewers in the hamlet of Haliburton;
 - Residential Areas serviced by sewers outside the hamlet of Haliburton; and
 - Residential Areas not serviced by municipal sewers.
2. Specific areas not currently designated as Residential Areas but serviced by the new sewer line extension will be designated as Residential Areas.

The general provisions of the proposed amendment, which address lot standards, will apply to all lands in the Municipality of Dysart et al which are designated as Residential Areas.

The specific areas which are proposed to be re-designated as Residential Areas include Part of Lot 1 in Concession V; Part of Lots 1 through 5 inclusive in Concession VI; Part of Lots 3, 4 and 5 in Concession VII; Parts of Lot 6, 7, 8, 10 and 11 inclusive in Concession VIII; and Part of Lots 8 through 10 inclusive in Concession IX in the Township of Dysart, in the County of Haliburton. These lands are lands which will be serviced by the new municipal sewer line extension and are generally located along Highway 121, Peninsula Drive, Kashaga Drive and the North Kashagawigamog Lake Road.

THE PROPOSED AMENDMENT AND DETAILED MAPS relating to the proposed amendment are available for inspection in the office of the Planning Administrator during regular office hours (Monday through Friday, 9:00am to 5:00pm).

IF YOU WISH TO BE NOTIFIED of the adoption of the proposed official plan amendment you must make a written request to the Municipality of Dysart et al at the address shown below.

IF A PERSON OR PUBLIC BODY that files a notice of appeal of a decision of the Municipality of Dysart et al in respect of the proposed official plan does not make oral submissions at a public meeting or make written submissions to the Municipality of Dysart et al before the proposed official plan amendment is adopted, or before the proposed zoning amendment is adopted, the Ontario Municipal Board may dismiss all or part of the appeal.

DATED at the Township of Dysart this 27th day of February 1998.

Patricia Martin M.C.I.P., R.P.P.
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High Single	Ken Thompson	303
High Single HC	Ken Thompson	303
High Triple	Ken Thompson	809
High Triple HC	Ken Thompson	809

WOMEN

High Average	Spira Nitsos	207
High Single	Jean Pugh	216
High Single	Jean Pugh	271
High Triple	Jean Pugh	581
High Triple HC	Jean Pugh	734

TUESDAY NIGHT MIXED For the Week Ending Feb. 17/98

MEN

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High Single	Bruce Cummings	290
High Single HC	Dan Harding	265
High Triple	Bruce Cummings	742
High Triple HC	Dan Harding	754

WOMEN

High Average	Spira Nitsos	201
High Single	Dawn English	253
High Single	Dawn English	304
High Triple	Marlene Robinson	621
High Triple HC	Marlene Robinson	696

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MEN

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High Single HC	Avard Edwards	369
High Triple	Avard Edwards	728
High Triple HC	Avard Edwards	850

WOMEN

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High Single	Helen Dentinger	279
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Novice B Huskies make finals

Haliburton takes Beaverton to move on to final playoff round

by VINCE DUCHENE

Bye bye Beaverton, Hello Wilberforce. Yes folks, the Novice B Huskies are in the final! Our fourth game with Beaverton proved to be a one

sided 5 - 1 victory on their home ice. The boys were on fire in this contest and ended the series with style, Husky style.

The "B's Player of the Game" goes to Ryan Scheffee who played brilliantly. Excellent shooting, passing and positional play Ryan. Keep it up.

The "Defensive Player of the Game" goes to Curtis Barker who played an outstanding defensive and aggressive game. Solid effort, Curt!

While we waited for the winner of the Wilberforce/Mariposa series, we decided to have a

home and home with Bracebridge. Game one was in our rink and the pace was certainly a lot different than against Beaverton. The final ended up 5 - 5 with Bracebridge overcoming two two-goal deficits. The team played well but knew that they had to dig deep if they were going to beat this team in the next game.

The "B's Player of the Game" goes to Dallyn Smith who popped two goals in and played very, very well in both ends of the rink. Keep it up, Dal.

The "Defensive Player of the Game" goes to Connor MacMillan. Rock solid on "D" as usual, big guy.

The rematch was this past Friday night in their barn. This game was not one of our best and Bracebridge ended up on top 4 - 3. We never really got our skating legs in this one and although the boys were upset with losing a game, it was a definite wake up call going into the finals against Wilberforce.

The "B's Player of the Game" goes to Kyle "The Dominator" Evans who turned aside 17 shots to keep it close for our Huskies. Good game Kyle, you gave us a chance!

The "Defensive Player of the Game" goes to James Roberts who was tenacious with his backchecking only allowing 1 goal against while he was on the ice. Good game James, remem-

ber defense first!

Now back to the playoffs. Haliburton vs Wilberforce. This game took place this past Sunday in Haliburton and after coming off that loss to Bracebridge, our Huskies seemed poised not to lose two in a row. Matt Duchene opened the scoring less than two minutes into the game unassisted and it stayed that way until midway through the second.

Our Huskies were wearing down the Rockets with strong forechecking and excellent backchecking as the game progressed. We scored our second goal and although the Rockets answered back with one of their own, the landslide began. A strong performance from all the Huskies proved to be the difference in this contest and timely saves from our goaltender helped as well. Make the final 7 - 1 for our Huskies in Game 1 of the best of seven series. Game 2 is in Wilberforce this coming Saturday night at 7:00 pm for those of you who are loyal fans.

The "B's Player of the Game" goes to Matthew Duchene who found the net 4 times in this first game. Great effort Matt and your backchecking was awesome as well.

The "Defensive Player of the Game" goes to Kyle Little who was very tough to beat and didn't allow a goal while he was on the ice. Great effort Kyle.

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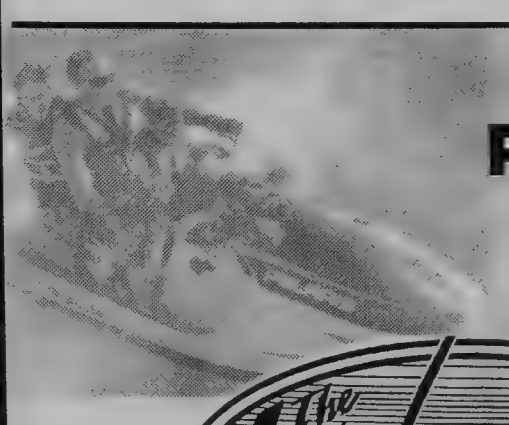
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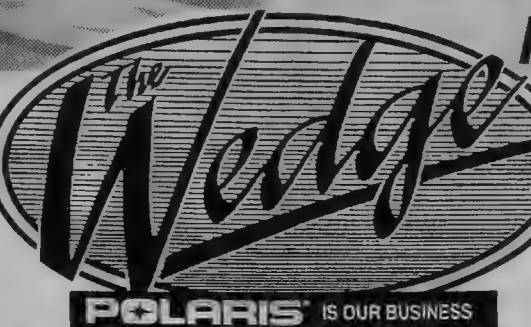
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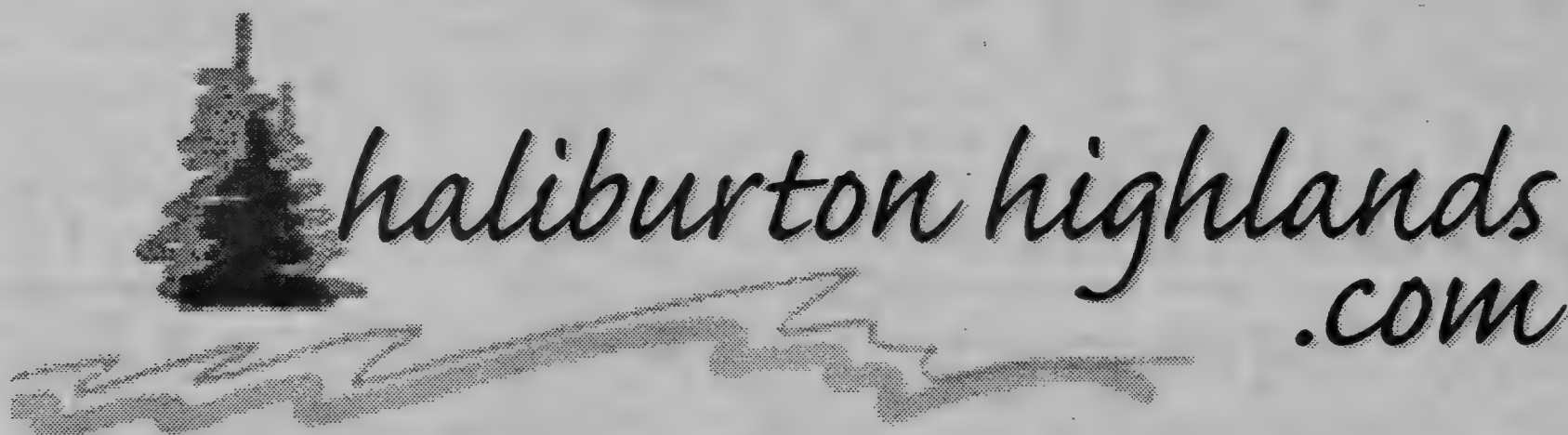
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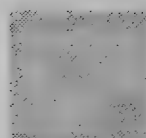
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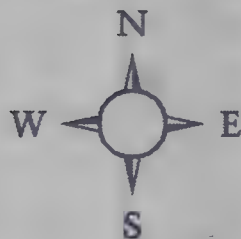
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LOOK NORTH, look way north, to find Susie Roberts' home town

by MARTHA PERKINS
Editor

SUSIE ROBERTS was at a juncture of her life that she knew was very important. Make the wrong decision, and she might find herself heading in the wrong direction for years to come. Make the right decision and... she'd wind up living in Gooderham.

In early February, the 20-year-old began her Grade 12 classes at the Haliburton Highlands Secondary School. It meant moving a long way from her home in Cambridge Bay, NWT — look up, way, way up on the map of Canada's Arctic — but she knows it was the right thing to do.

"I left a lot of good friends back home but some choices you have to make right," she says, nodding her head once as if to add emphasis to the point. "If I had stayed there I would have got into a lot of trouble and it would have affected me for the rest of my life."

Susie may only be 20, yet she says "I could write a book" about all the experiences she's already had.

Perhaps first you should find her birthplace on a map. Go to the Arctic almost due north of Regina, Saskatchewan, past the tree line and the Arctic Circle.

Then inch up a little farther until you see the 69th parallel, across the Queen Maud Gulf and land on Victoria Island. Chances are your map doesn't bother going much farther north than that; you're so close to the North Magnetic Pole, your compass wouldn't do you much good either.

"It's way up there," she says, with only a small hint of a smile to let you know how fully aware she is of the understatement.

Cambridge Bay was originally on "the other side of the bay" but the community was resettled to the neatly planned village where Susie was born. There's about 1,300, two main stores, an arcade, youth centre, three hotels, two schools, a community complex and row houses built on roads that aren't tempted to wander into the tundra. Many people are employed by the government or as a result of government, and with the new territory of Nunavut scheduled to be born April 1, 1999, with Iqaluit as its capital, there's been a mini construction boom.

"People are so amazed when I tell them about Cambridge Bay, but it's just another place."

Susie's ancestors have long lived in the area. Her biological parents are Inuit and speak only Inuiaktun, a language that is sadly but slowly dying out

among young people who watch television from The South and want to emulate the people they see on the screen. "It's bad," Susie says of the loss of a traditional language. The schools teach it, but you don't have to take it in high school.

The Inuiaktun words sound as if they're first forced through the throat from somewhere deep in the lungs, with various inflections giving drastic changes in meaning to words. Growing up speaking Inuiaktun, but now finding it easier just to understand it, Susie speaks English with a soft tone that still carries inflections of her first language.

It was not a blissful childhood spent on the land, although land is everywhere you look at Cambridge Bay. When she was a young teenager, Susie wrote a story for the community paper *News/North*, entitled "Twelve Years of Hell."

"It was a good thing my biological parents didn't understand English," she says. Writing it became an escape valve for many of her negative experiences and it was a relief to put them on paper. Many people responded warmly to the piece.

At the age of nine, Susie was adopted by Clayton and Audrey Roberts. Audrey was from Oshawa, and Clayton grew up in Gooderham. He's a computer programmer, she's an accountant, and both are employed by the federal government.

Occasionally, they'd bring Susie south to visit with their families and then six years ago, Clayton's parents Chris and Fred Roberts moved to Cambridge Bay to manage one of the hotels, "30 seconds" from



"It's way up there," the new Grade 12 student at the Haliburton Highlands Secondary School says of her home town in the Northwest Territories. "People are so amazed when I tell them about Cambridge Bay but it's just another place"

Susie's home. "It was cool" to have them so close.

Despite the Roberts' efforts to undo Susie's "years of hell" growing up, Susie began making some of the same choices her biological parents had, and she didn't like herself for it. Part of the problem was the isolation, and the boredom that came with it now that most people had left the land and had more time on their hands. It didn't help that in the winter, the soft haze called sunlight lasted for only two hours at noon, the sky enveloping the North in darkness for the rest of the time. "It's pretty depressing," Susie says.

Yet even as she did things she didn't like, Susie knew she wanted something different. She didn't like upsetting her parents and she didn't like hiding things inside. So one day they all sat down together and talked about a different kind of future.

Given her druthers — and her remarkable ability with a pair of shears — Susie would like to be a hairdresser. Before she left, she could have six people coming to her home for a cut. Given the amount of money she can make as a hairdresser, her parents are

encouraging her to get the high school credits she needs in order to enroll in an arts program at college. That means living with her grandparents, who have moved back to Gooderham, while hoping to get accepted at Georgian College in Barrie.

"I was nervous and the bus system got me really good the first day," says Susie on the transition to Highlands life. The first few days were hard, but after getting accustomed to the school's layout and the sea of new faces, she's quickly settling in. Her only disquieting moment came when a student yelled out for someone to close the classroom window — "what do you think I am, an Eskimo?"

"I think I get my strength from realizing who I am and what I can do," says Susie, who's learning how to take such comments in stride as she moves forward towards her goal, not willing to let anything stand in her way now that she's made up her mind about the direction she wants to take.

"Since I've been here," she says, her head once again nodding in confirmation of her thoughts, "I've been so happy."



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Tuesday, Mar. 17 is devoted to sculpture. In the morning, if you or a bird find it in nature, it's yours to use to create your own sculpture. In the afternoon, participants will discover the art of camouflage so they can learn to hide like birds do.

On Wednesday, Mar. 18, it's mobiles. You'll discover what feathers are for in the morning as you create your own "slice-the-air" feather flyers. In the afternoon, winter birds will set flight in your imaginative mobile.

The cost is \$8 a person for the half-day program or \$15 for the full-day program. All materials are included in this fee, but please bring along any favourite nature finds. As well, if you're staying for the whole day, please bring your own lunch.

Please call the Frost Centre at 705-766-2451 to register before March 12.

NaturEscape 98:

This one-day program, offered on both March 19 and 20, will introduce everyone from ages nine and up (parents welcome) to such things as Wildlife Wonders, Rockology and Survival Skills. In the forests surrounding the Frost Centre, you can learn how to track, bird watch, snowshoe and adapt just like the animals do. You'll also learn how to build a quinzee and a fire. Inside, there's lapidary, rock and mineral identification and rock art.

What's even better is that children can "ride the rompin' Ecobus" to get there. This bus will pick up and drop off participants at Haliburton (8 a.m. and 5 p.m.), Minden (8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m.), Carnarvon (8:50 a.m. and 4 p.m.) and Halls Lake (9:15 a.m. and 3:45 p.m.).

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Although this is a residential (you stay overnight) program from 1 p.m. Tuesday, March 17 to 1 p.m. on Thursday, March 19, there is a local option for people who don't want to stay overnight.

The family rate, based on one adult with one child, costs \$290 (includes GST) and covers lodging, six meals and programming. A discount is available for seniors and people who do not need accommodation.

For more information or to register, call Jan Cooper at 519-823-4513 as soon as possible.

Our e-mail is editorial@haliburtonecho.on.ca

DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD #15

KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION BEGINS

In anticipation that the funding model will be adequate to support the program, District School Board #15 has decided to proceed with Junior & Senior Kindergarten registration during the month of March.

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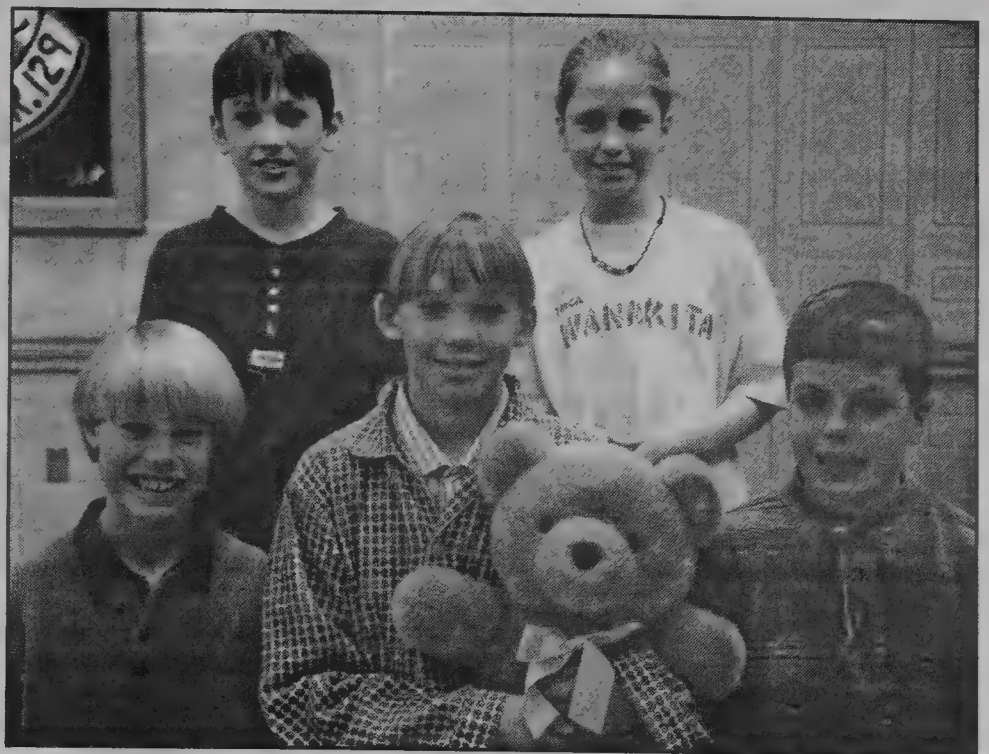
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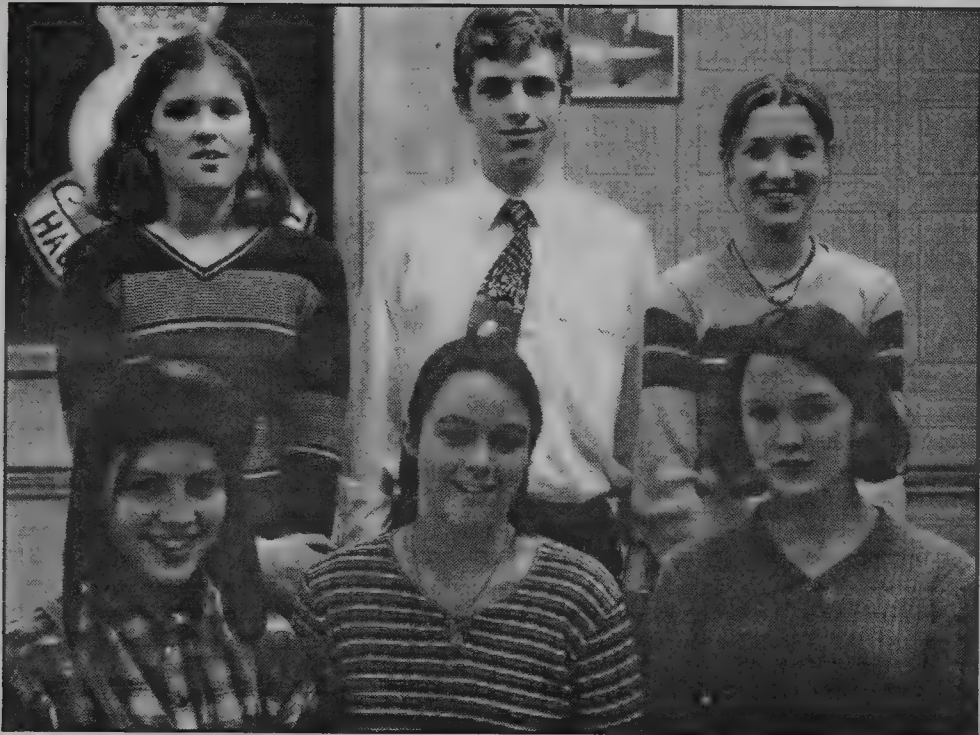
GRADE 7 & 8: These students participated in the Haliburton Legion's public speaking competition last Sunday. Front row, from left: Casey Ogle and Shannon McKechnie, first. Back: Kate Foulds, Amelia Ambridge, third, and Chris Postill, second.



PUBLIC SPEAKING CONTEST



GRADE 4, 5 & 6: These students participated in the Haliburton Legion's public speaking competition last Sunday. From left, front row: Adrian Martin, Brad Mickle, first, and Matt Roberts, second. Back row: Daniel Jung and Kerry Heming, third.



GRADE 9 & 10: These students from HHSS competed in the Haliburton Legion's public speaking competition last Sunday. Front row, from left: Jessica Swan, second, Jennifer Watson and Kati Clark. Back row: Carrie Feir, first, Jeremy Johnson, third, and Megan Paul. The first place winners in each age category will advance to the zone competition in Minden on March 8.



STORY TELLERS: These students competed in the Haliburton Legion's story telling event last Sunday. From left, front row: Leanna Pearsell, third, and Porsché Bagg, first. Back row: Caeleb Campbell, second, Max Ambridge and Kyle Evans.

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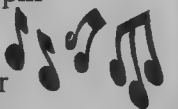


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From Bartlett pear wine to the harvest of frozen grapes – wine lovers can sample them all and raise money for Haliburton Highlands Guild of Fine Arts

by JUNE STEWART

Wine lovers' alert! Saturday, March 28 is a date to remember! That's when the Haliburton Highlands Guild of Fine Arts is presenting a Wine Sampling at the Rails' End Gallery.

Ocala Orchards Farm Winery will bring a variety of their prize-winning wines for you to taste. The occasion is a fundraiser for the H.H.G.F.A. from 8 to 10 p.m. Tickets are \$25 per per-

son, available at the Wild Oat Art Cafe, Nancy's Flowers, the Rails' End Gallery and Minden IGA.

But there's much more than wine that evening – lovely food, fabulous door prize and even an auction.

Based in Port Perry, the Ocala Orchards Farm Winery was a big prize-winner at the all-Canadian Wine Championships in Windsor in January 1998. They won two silver medals for

their Iced Bartlett Pear Wine and their Sparkling Raspberry plus a bronze for their Reisling. Sixty-four wineries from across the country competed.

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FEEDING THE MASSES: Margaret Robinson, right, and Marguerite Skinner make pancakes for the more than 465 hungry diners that attended the pancake supper St. George's Anglican Church hosted on Shrove Tuesday at Haliburton's Legion.

It's hard to do the snowmobile shuffle in the snow when there's not much snow

by ELEANOR COOPER
West Guilford News

Those present at the Centre's February meeting were Bill Marshall, Shirley Johnston, Cheryl Cooper, Leon Jones, Mary Urquhart and Mary

Simms.

As I write, the Snowshuffle plans are limited due to lack of snow. A better report will follow next week when we know how successful the dinner and dance are.

Euchre saw 11 tables full last

Tuesday night at the Centre. It's obviously becoming very popular amongst Guilford and Haliburton residents.

Our sympathy to Mike Daniluck on the loss of his wife, Laura on February 23 due to cancer.

Our daughter Beth Cooper was home on the weekend of February 21 and our son Andy of Halifax was home for most of last week when he took of the good weather for snow shoeing and skiing.

Rehearsals for the suspense

play "Night Watch" are going on apace twice a week at Doug Brohm's. Shawn Hagerman is one of the cast, performing the part of a policeman in New York. The play opens on Thursday, May 7 at the high school in Haliburton.

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Wilberforce students speak out

by HILDA CLARK

After weeks of preparation and practice at school and home, stories and speeches were officially presented at the Legion's Public Speaking Contest. The finalists took the platform at the Lloyd Watson Centre before classmates, family, friends and judges to tell their stories and make their speeches. An experience both exciting and challenging. In the Story Telling section (Grades 1-3), Jocelyn Donaldson placed first, Jessica Foulds second, Ashley Alden third and Trevor Guyton fourth. In the public speaking (Grades 4-6), Trish Vanier placed first, Gavin Swan second, Carla Siminoia third and Justin Donaldson fourth.

Linda Wright, representing the Legion, appreciated all the speeches and help. Winners Trisha Vanier and Jocelyn Donaldson will go on to the Zone finals.

Students of the week included two brothers, Chace English in Kindergarten and Chad

English in Grade 1. In Grade 2 Samantha Dale, Grades 3-4 Chris Bryan and Grades 5-6 Shane Outram were the "stars".

Folks at Maplevue are now enjoying their Euchre parties on Tuesday evenings. In case others in the community would like to join the fun, the games start at 7:30 p.m. Everyone is welcome.

Curling is a very popular winter game here in the village. Some enjoy the weekly leagues and others the weekend bonspiels. Many play in both. In response to some who want to try this sport to see how it is played, the Club Executive will hold an Open House on Sunday, March 15 in the afternoon. Just wear comfortable, warm clothes and bring a pair of clean footwear. Brooms are available.

When a job needs doing, just spread the word and volunteers usually appear. The Heritage Guild's handpieced Log Cabin quilt was on the frames for only six days. Known as the "Barn Raising" version, the quilt was set up

late Monday afternoon on the Lloyd Watson stage by Alfretta O'Rourke, Nadeen and Ken Sanderson and Hilda Clark. With super quilters Pat Grant, Elda MacGregor, Elaine Holland, Edith Daniels, Sylvia Tallman, Evelyn Johnston, Eileen Agnew and Joan Clark all cheerfully helping out, we had the quilt off the frames on Saturday afternoon. A lovely quilt, hundreds of stitches, all to be won by someone for only \$2.

We all wish Edith Daniels a very speedy recovery as she has surgery on her broken hip. What a shock for her and everyone at St. Margaret's on Sunday morning. Just as Edith rose and turned from taking Communion, she lost her balance and fell. The First Response Team from the Monmouth Volunteer Fire Department was soon efficiently on the scene. Strangely, as she arrived at church, Edith had warned Rev. Gerry Johnson to be very careful. She had dreamed the night before that HE had kept falling during a service.



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Performing arts centre now seems more than a dream

by CARYL MOULTON
Theatre Fundraising Committee

Can this be happening? Are we really to have a performing arts centre in Haliburton County?

Since November when the campaign first got under way, more than \$150,000 has been raised from people who want to see Haliburton County have the benefits of a 'real theatre'. This couldn't have happened though, without the additional invaluable help of several people: David Bishop, for solving many of the legal tangles, and David Gray, who is handling the accounts.

The generosity of local business in purchasing Major Endowment seats at \$5,000 each surprised even the project organizers. And with over half of the \$750 seats already 'sold' it looks as if the dream of a theatre in the county will happen at last.

The shared responsibility for the facility between the Haliburton Highlands Secondary School and community groups is not something which has been done often. Questions have arisen regarding possible difficulties which may arise.

Who owns the new theatre?

It is owned by the District 15

School Board as is the rest of the high school building.

Who will insure it and maintain it?

Again, the school board.

When will it be used?

From 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. it will be a classroom. This will enable better drama and theatre arts courses with a properly equipped theatre. At other times, it can be booked by local or professional performing arts groups.

Can we be sure it will be available to us on the dates asked for?

One promise that has already made is "no bumping". Once booked, those dates will be fixed. The system works by having the school select their dates first and then the other groups will book dates required through a newly formed guild which represents the local performing arts groups in the area. Thus, everyone's interests are served.

For every five members of the local guild, there will be one member of the School; currently the school member is Gary Brohman, the principal. As the facility is a theatre full-time, there



ANOTHER SPONSOR, ANOTHER SEAT: Curry Motors of Haliburton is one of the \$5,000 corporate sponsors of a seat at the Haliburton Performing Arts Centre. Caryl Moulton, centre, accepts the cheque from, from left, Andy Salvatori, Don Popple, Sheila Popple and Mike Iles. The donation is the memory of Mrs. Popple's father, Ron Curry, a founding member of the Guild of Fine Arts and former Curry Motors president.

will be no need for booking changes due to school dances, etc.

What about user costs?

For all local groups, this fee will be minimal – just enough to cover the cost of janitorial services for the days required. Actual fee schedules will be determined between the management group who represent the local users and the school board. Outside groups can expect to pay more and thus we hope that the facility will actually make some money in order to extend its facilities and equip-

ment.

Why will you need to do that?

Because for the \$220,000 we won't get a professional, fully equipped, state-of-the-art theatre. What we will get is a theatre capable of extending its systems – sound, lighting, etc. We will have a raked auditorium for better sightlines and better acoustics. Backstage will have showers and dressing rooms as well as storage areas. The theatre will also have a sound/lighting booth run from the back of the auditorium – something much needed.

What about security?

The theatre will be locked when not in use as a theatre, unlike the school gym which was also used as a dance room and access to it was generally unhindered.

We hope that we have answered the most often asked questions here. If there are any other concerns, then the committee directing the fundraising will be happy to answer them. Call Linda Beachli at 457-1000 or David Gray at 457-1330 during normal business hours.

Enthusiasm is running high and as the deadline of May 1 (only two months away) gets closer, the race is on to find the final \$38,000 in cash, donations and pledges.

To date, we have sold 129 seats and have a total of \$162,000 in cash and pledges. Sixteen of the \$5,000 "Major Endowment" seats have been sold. We have also had over \$3,000 in straight donations.

The high school renovations are currently 3-4 weeks ahead of schedule. The theatre itself should be in place by the spring of 1999.

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Hwy. 518 from the West limits of Sprucedale to the Jct. of Hwy 69; from the East limits of Kearney to the easterly limit of Hwy. 518; Hwy. 510 from Hwy. 520 northerly to Hwy. 124; Hwy. 520 from Hwy. 124 northwesterly to the Hamlet of Ardbeg; Hwy. 559 the entire length; Hwy. 592 the entire length; Hwy. 612 from the Muskoka/Parry Sound District boundary, northerly to Hwy. 69; Hwy. 632 from the Muskoka/Parry Sound District boundary northerly to Hwy. 141 at Rosseau; Hwy. 7160 from the South Jct. of Hwy. 11 to the North Jct. of Hwy. 11 in the Hamlet of Novar; Hwy. 7182 from Hwy. 559 northerly to Hwy. 69.

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The above date depends on weather conditions and is subject to change. Reduced loads will be in effect when and where signs are erected. During Reduced Load season no Special Permits for overloading or house moving will be issued in the District.



Ontario

Haliburton Legion donates to several community groups

by ANNE McKAY

It has been quite a while since any Legion activities were reported in the Echo. It has been a good fall and winter to date. Darts and Euchre are every Tuesday, Bingo on Wednesday and

the popular meat draw every Friday afternoon.

This year, the lucky calendar sale is generating money for the hospital fund. Each purchaser has a chance to win a minimum of \$25 with larger amounts throughout the year. If all

are sold, the donation could be \$10,000.

Most charities in the area have received donations. The Senior Curling Club was the recipient of \$2,000 for ice team, teaching young people the art of curling.

The Legion Public Speaking contest was held on Sunday, February 22, the winners going on to zone competition in Minden on March 8.

The Students Awards will be held on May 12.

The Ladies Auxiliary

has not been so busy since the New Year. The St. Patrick's dinner will be held on March 14 at 5 p.m., proceeds for Ladies Auxiliary sports. They have made donations to the 4Cs, hospital auxiliary, VON and the local cancer

chapter among many other charities. The Auxiliary has also donated \$3,000 to the Branch toward redecorating the auditorium.

The Branch General Meeting will be 7:30 p.m., Mar. 5. Members, come out and support your Legion.

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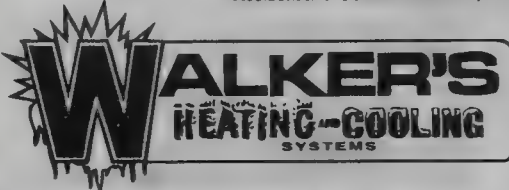
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music and visit the people of ages gone by.

This magical voyage through the history of western music has made audiences of all ages laugh and cry and leaves everyone smiling with its unexpected ending. "How the Gimquat Found Her Song" is a musical feast presented by Platypus Theatre and the Platypus Chamber Players. The Haliburton Children's Concert Series is grateful to the co-sponsors of this performance, Westside Jug City and Minden I.D.A. Drugstore. Tickets are still available for \$8/person at the door. For tickets or information, call

457-3414.

The Haliburton County Children's Concert Series is holding their early bird ticket sales before and after the concert on March 7. The 1998/99 season will feature three new, fun and exciting shows. The season pass costs \$15 at the early bird sale.

The Haliburton County Children's Series is announcing a contest. They are looking for a new name for the volunteer-run organization. Anybody can join in the search. The winning entry will be picked by community members and announced at the annual members meeting this

spring. You can win a season pass for your whole family.

So, join in and find them a fun, bouncy, exciting - shorter! - name. Entries can be dropped off at the Royal LePage office on Main Street in Haliburton or mailed to Juliane van Lieshout, R. R. #2, Haliburton, Ontario K0M 1S0. The deadline is April 30. Bring your first ideas to the concert.

The organization is looking for volunteers to help out on an occasional basis. If you love the concert series and want to keep it running through the years to come. Join the team!



FUN FOR KIDS: How the Gimquat Found Her Song will be performed at ASES in Minden this Saturday.

Lions Camp Dorset serves "hot of this world" turkey dinner to seniors

by PHYLLIS BRISCOE
Dorset News

Happy birthday to Dustin Clark, Graham Nicols, Genevieve Debeau and Mel Sartman.

We had some wet snow on March 1 but I still think it was more like a lamb -

maybe a wet, chilly one - than a lion. We had beautiful spring-like weather during February, very little snow and lots of sunshine and how we loved it.

The snowmobiles are still running on the lake and there are still warnings on TV and radio that

the ice is unsafe. As long as there is a track onto the ice, no matter how thin or deteriorated the ice, I guess we will have snowmobilers.

On Thursday evening, February 26, the Dorset Lions Club entertained the "older than 50" residents of the Dorset area. They provided an out-of-this-world turkey dinner at their Camp Dorset. It was enjoyed by approximately 120 hungry seniors. The

meal was beautifully prepared and presented, including a variety of delicious desserts.

The Lions are well known for their many deeds of kindness, many of which are unknown to the general public, and deserve a great deal of credit. The Dialysis Camp has been in operation for 20 years and some of the dialysis machines need to be replaced so donations are welcome. Just like in

your own home, there are always ongoing expenses. So, we should always support our Lions projects and again, we heartily thank them.

The dinner was enhanced by the McLennans with their accordions.

Everyone is welcome to attend the World Day of Prayer at 2:00 p.m. at St. Mary Magdalenes Anglican Church, Dorset on Friday, March 6.

We wish to congratulate

Linda Pagendam who became a grandmother for the first time. Her daughter Heather gave birth to a baby girl on Friday, February 13.

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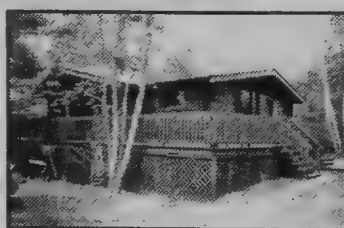
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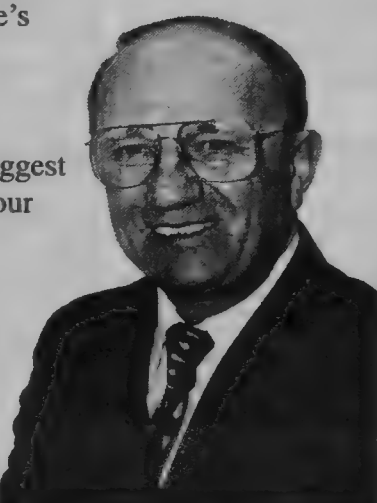
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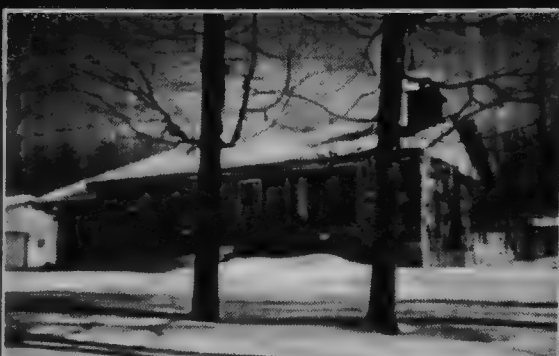
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OPEN MEETING
Mental Health Planning Group
Thursday, March 5, 1998
5 - 7 p.m. in the
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You must ensure correct personal data is on the hospital computers.

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707 BIRTHS

CLARKE - Bill and Renee (Curry) are pleased to announce the birth of their daughter

McKENNA AILEEN

born January 29, 1998 at Markham-Stouffville Hospital weighing 9 lb. 2 oz. A sister for Devin. Proud grandparents are John and Sandra Curry of Haliburton and Linda and Wil Clarke of Sunderland. Special thanks to both Grandmas for help with the delivery.

708 OBITUARIES

AT REST

Passed away peacefully at Stevenson Memorial Hospital, Alliston on Friday, February 27, 1998 in her 71st year
AUDREY BERYL (JONES) CALLIGHEN

Beloved wife of the late Ed Callighen. Loved mother of Tim and Ruth, Terri and John, Ted and Theresa, Kathy and Paul, Kelly and Bill, and Paul. Lovingly remembered by her grandchildren Sheena, Janice, Jr, Jaclyn, Tyler, Elaine, Pamela, Lauren, Samantha, Malory, Johnny, William and Katherine. Dear sister of Cliff and Joan Jones. Fondly remembered by Maggie. Rested at the W. John Thomas Funeral Home, 244 Victoria St. E., Alliston on Sunday. Funeral service was held in the Chapel on Monday, March 2. Cremation followed.

AT REST

Passed away peacefully in her sleep at Hyland Crest Senior Citizens Home, Minden, Ontario on Thursday, February 26, 1998 in her 96th year
EVELYN MURIEL CLOW

Beloved wife of her first husband the late Alec MacLaurin and her second husband, the late Fred Clow. Dear sister of the late Gwendolyn Denny and Harry J.L. Smith. Lovingly remembered by her stepson Donald MacLaurin and wife Isabel of Whistler, B.C., nephew John Denny and wife Louise of Minden, Ontario and by five grandchildren, four great grandchildren, 13 great nieces and nephews, and 30 great great nieces and nephews. Friends are invited to visit the family at the Gordon A. Monk Funeral Home, 127 Main St., Minden on Wednesday, March 4 from 10:00 a.m. until the time of the funeral service at 11:30 a.m. Interment will be held at St. George's Church on the Hill Cemetery on Thursday, March 5, 1998 (4600 Dundas St. W., Etobicoke) at 11:30 a.m. Memorial donations to the charity of your choice would be appreciated by the family. CA

704 ANNOUNCEMENTS

708 OBITUARIES

AT REST

Passed away peacefully at her home in Lutterworth Pines, Minden on Monday, March 2, 1998 in her 77th year
MURIEL EVELYN PROCTOR (nee Mack)

(formerly of Toronto)
Beloved wife of Michael Proctor of R. R. #3, Minden, dear mother of Robert Proctor of Peoria, Arizona; Diane and her husband Douglas Warnes of Lindsay; predeceased by Mervin Proctor. Loving grandmother of Lee Ann, Robert Jr., Jennifer, Meaghan, Michelle, Tara and great grandmother of eight great grandchildren. Dear sister of the late Douglas Mack. Sister-in-law to Margaret, Uda and Walter. Fondly remembered by her many close friends. Friends are invited to visit the family at the Gordon A. Monk Funeral Home, 127 Main St., Minden from 2-4 p.m. and 7-9 p.m. on Tuesday. Funeral service in the chapel on Wednesday, March 4 at 1:00 p.m. Interment Riverside Cemetery, Lindsay. Memorial donations to the Minden Hospital Building Fund, Hyland Crest Senior Citizens Home or the charity of your choice would be appreciated by the family. CA

AT REST

Passed away at the Rubidge Retirement Residence in Peterborough on February 25, 1998 in his 94th year
NORMAN J. WALLACE (R. R. #2, Minden)

Beloved husband of the late Violet (Simpson). Dear father of Margaret Wallace and her husband Steve Wardlaw of Lima, Peru; Dorothy McCord and her husband Bill of Peterborough; grandfather of Christian, Sonia, Ryan and Darcy; brother of Pearl Wallace of Toronto. Fondly remembered as Uncle Norm by many nieces and nephews. Friends visited the family at the Gordon A. Monk Funeral Home, 127 Main St., Minden on Saturday and Sunday. Then to the Zion United Church, Carnarvon for funeral service on Monday, March 2. Interment will be held in the spring at Twelve Mile Lake Cemetery, Carnarvon. Donations in memory of Norm can be made to any branch within the United Church of Canada. CA

709 IN MEMORIAM

CUMBS, CHRISTIE - In memory of our Dad who passed away February 25, 1989:
God walked around the heavens
And decided then and there,
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I have no time to spare.
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709 IN MEMORIAM

CONTINUED

I need someone with a loving touch
Who has made his family proud."
Then God checked the whole earth over
And called your name out loud.
Your gentle hands at rest.
Dad, we miss you more as time passes. **Doreen, Ken, Dan and Bill.**

COWEN, GWENYTH - March 6, 1996:

God saw you getting tired,
When a cure was not to be,
So He put His arms around you
And whispered "Come to Me."
Your golden heart stopped beating,
Your gentle hands at rest.
God broke our hearts to prove to us
He only takes the best.
In tears we saw you sinking,
We watched you fade away,
Our hearts were broken,
You fought so hard to stay.
Keep your arms around her Lord,
And give her special care,
Make up for all she suffered
And all that seemed unfair.
Always loved, never forgotten,
Christie, Susan and Leanna.

712 CARDS OF THANKS

I would like to thank the nurses of Haliburton Hospital and Dr. Conway and Dr. Heyes for their exceptional care during my stay there recently. Thank you. Sincerely, **Merrie Barry.** CA

My sincere thanks to all my friends for their cards, phone calls and gifts during my stay in Peterborough and Haliburton hospitals. A special thanks to Joan, Linda and Reg, to Drs. Cole, Basteria and Heyes. Their concern and help was greatly appreciated. My thanks to all. **Lillian Haight.**

The family of the late Don Walling wish to thank friends, family and neighbours for flowers, baking and cards, visits and phone calls. All were so very much appreciated. We also thank the ambulance drivers, nurses and staff of Haliburton Hospital and Dr. Conway for her excellent care. Special thanks to Rev. H. Morgan - his service was very comforting. Thank you to the Ladies Auxiliary Branch 129 for the superb luncheon and to Dwaine Lloyd of Haliburton Community Funeral Home for his compassionate and professional care. **Bonnie, Susan, Ron, Dayna and Matthew.**

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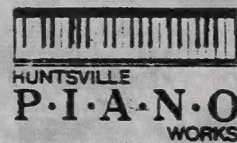
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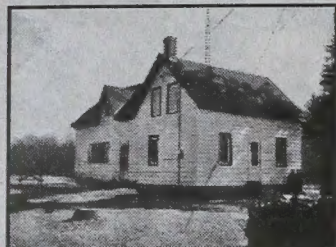
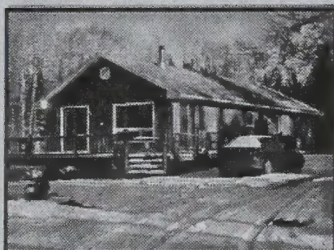
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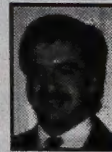
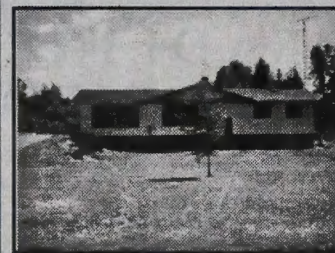
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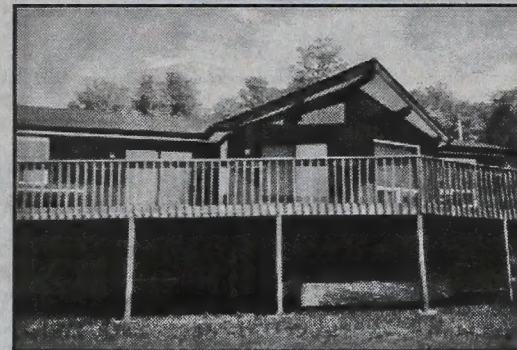
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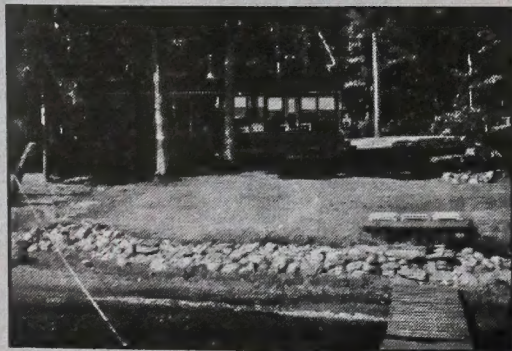
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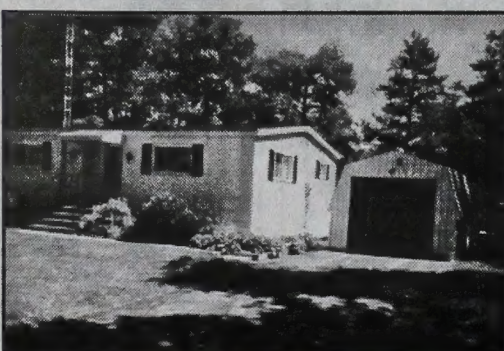
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